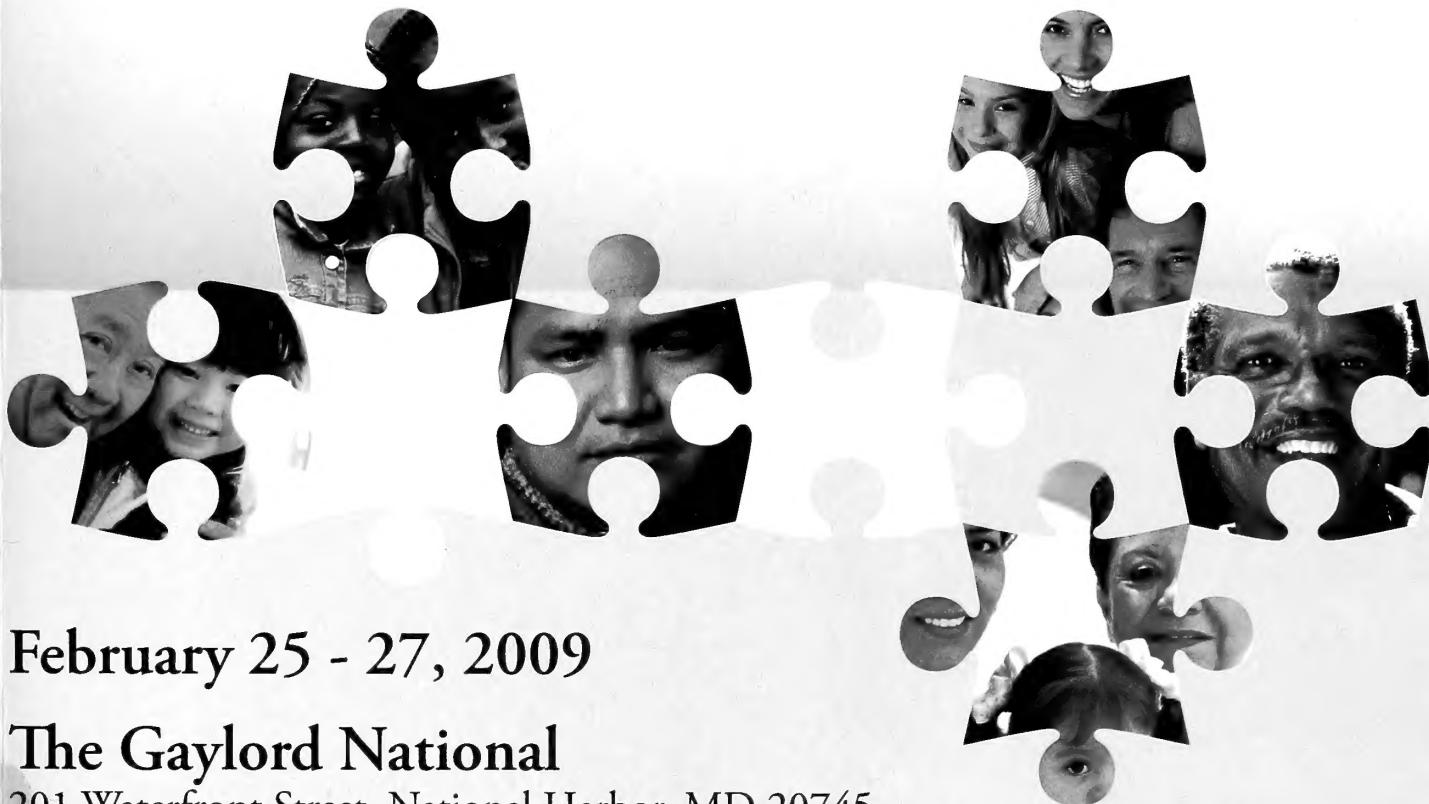


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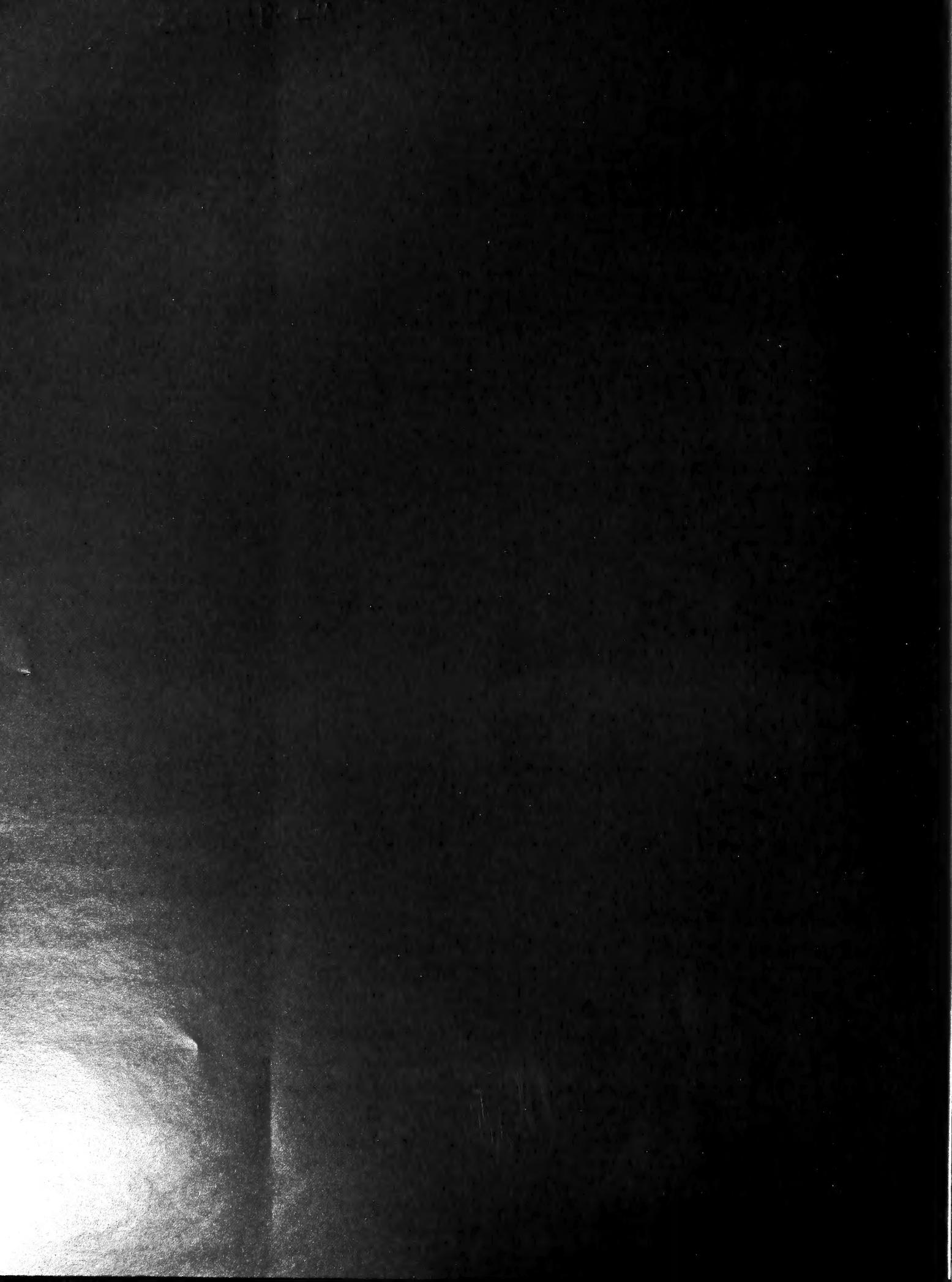


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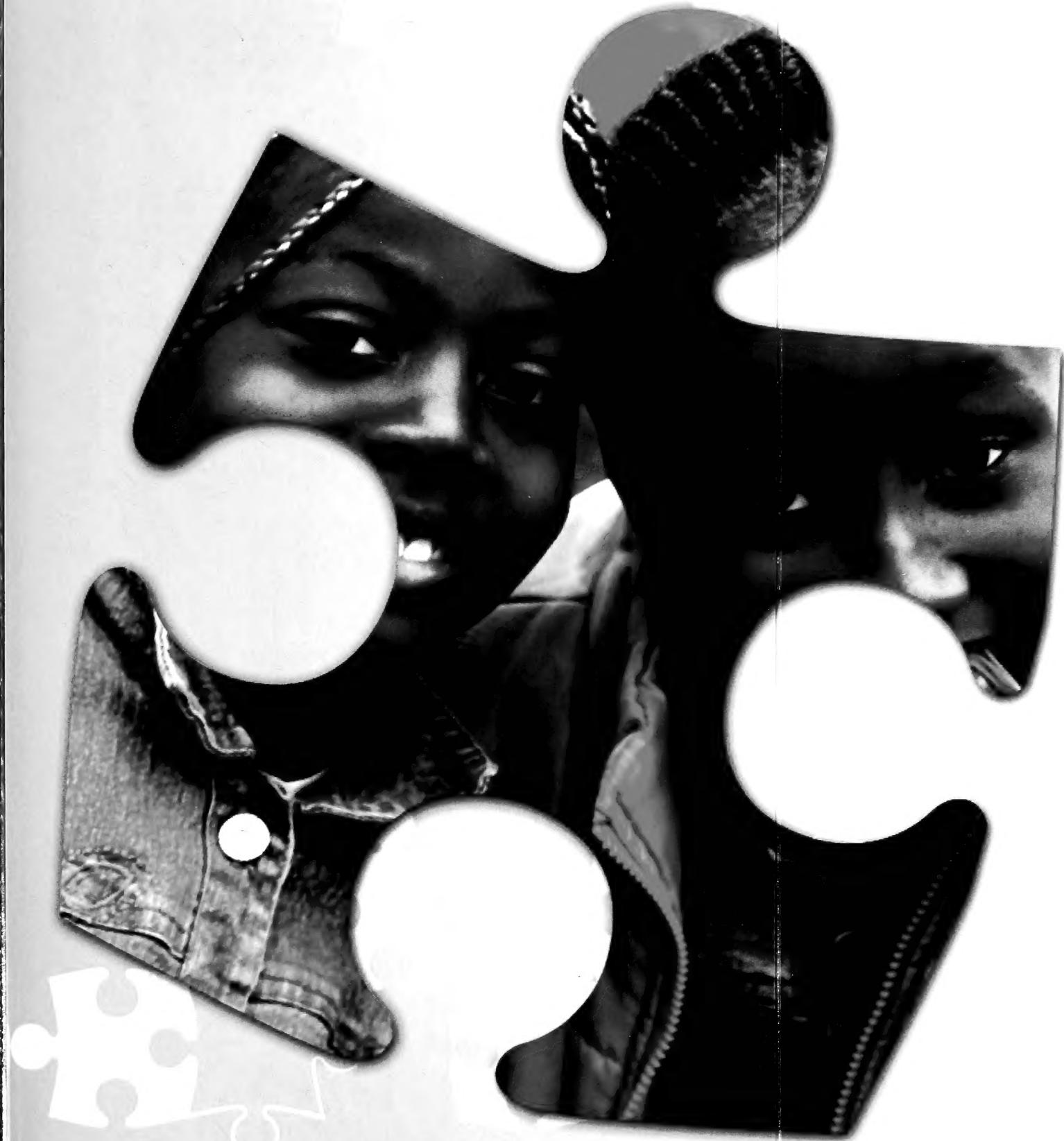
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MINORITY HEALTH



The 2009 National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health marks the 23rd year since the establishment of the Office of Minority Health (OMH). The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) created OMH in response to the landmark 1985 Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health. As part of HHS, OMH works to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations by ensuring the development of effective HHS policies and programs designed to help eliminate disparities in health.

Since its establishment in 1986, OMH has collaborated with many HHS divisions, national, local, tribal, and other partner organizations, and individuals in myriad settings across the country. Together, OMH and its partners have increased the level of national discourse about health issues that continue to burden American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

The 2006 Second National Leadership Summit brought together nearly 2,000 leaders from the public and private sectors in an effort to develop concrete actions that would improve health and healthcare outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities in the U.S. One important outcome of the 2006 Summit was the creation of the National Partnership for Action (NPA) to End Health Disparities, tasked with the mission of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of programs that target the elimination of health disparities through the coordination of partners, leaders, and stakeholders committed to action. The NPA continues to serve as a catalyst for leadership action based on the following five core action-oriented objectives:

- Increase awareness of health disparities;
- Strengthen leadership at all levels;
- Improve patient-provider communication and interactions;
- Improve cultural and linguistic competency; and
- Improve coordination and utilization of research and evaluation outcomes.

These objectives will be the driving force behind the 2009 Summit. In addition, during this Summit we plan to build upon the 2006 Summit and NPA activities, acknowledge some of the strides that have been made in implementing successful programs within our communities, and address plans for a national roadmap to end health disparities. We will also celebrate partnerships and collaborations that represent promising practices, embrace a global perspective, and think "Next Generation."

In order to extend presentation opportunities to the widest possible number of individuals and organizations, as well as to enhance opportunities for a rich exchange of information, over 250 abstracts were used to develop 77 workshops and Institutes that address a wide range of issues pertinent to health disparities. The Institutes are special two-hour sessions that will allow for more intensive discussion on minority health issues and health disparity topics.

Many individuals contributed their expertise, energies, and time to develop the Summit agenda. We hope that you will find the Summit program a rich and meaningful experience.

Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health

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TTY USERS CALL VIA MD RELAY

Dear Summit Participants:

I am pleased that the *Third National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health* (Summit) will be held in Maryland! You are gathering over the next days in a state that is rich in its diversity, values the contributions of all of its citizens, and understands the struggle to end disparities in health and healthcare for our racial and ethnic minority communities. Maryland is one of the most diverse states in the nation—U.S. Census Bureau estimates for 2006 show that 41 percent of our population is of a racial or ethnic background and that we rank among the top ten states (including the District of Columbia) with the largest minority populations.

Health and healthcare disparities for communities of color in Maryland are sobering and we welcome an intensive dialogue to identify solutions through improved policy, prevention, access to quality health care, and research. Data compiled by our Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities show that African American death rates exceed White death rates in all Maryland jurisdictions where age-adjusted rates could be calculated. And, we share significant rates of health disparities in HIV/AIDS, diabetes, heart disease and other conditions with states across the Country.

The theme for the Summit is “A Blueprint for Change” and as leaders from the public and private sectors across the U.S., I challenge you to work collectively on strategies that will improve health outcomes for all Americans. While racial and ethnic health disparities is a problem that has been pervasive and persistent, there is evidence that contributing factors are amenable to change. A great historian, Arnold Toynbee, once wrote that, “man progresses in response to adversity.” And, we have demonstrated over time as an American people that we can rise to the challenges before us.

I congratulate you on your tireless work to end health and healthcare disparities and wish you the best for a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

The handwritten signature of Martin O'Malley in black ink.

Martin O'Malley

SECRETARY'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, honors Senator Edward M. Kennedy for his lifelong commitment and persistent leadership to improve the health of all Americans. For over 20 years, Senator Kennedy has championed the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in health. He was instrumental in the passage of the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 which authorized the Office of Minority Health. As a result of this landmark legislation, OMH has been able to advance its mission to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities.

Senator Kennedy's leadership on health disparities in particular has enhanced the Nation's work by establishing the fundamental policy, research, and services foundations for improving the health of the Nation's most vulnerable communities. With the growing number of diseases and illnesses that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority communities, Senator Kennedy has positively impacted the lives of millions of Americans.

As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Senator Kennedy's leadership has given voice to underserved communities, especially communities affected by health disparities. Through the foundations laid by Senator Kennedy, critical health data is being collected appropriately by racial and ethnic categories, providing a sound basis for decision-making on health issues related to racial and ethnic minorities. Health professions education programs also have been established, building important pipelines by providing the training and educational financial assistance for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Additionally, Senator Kennedy's efforts have laid the fundamental groundwork providing millions of Americans with

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safety-net medical care. Today, community health centers across the country serve as critical health care delivery systems enabling communities to obtain necessary quality primary health care.

As lead sponsor of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000, Senator Kennedy strengthened racial and ethnic disparities research through establishment of the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health; additionally, through this legislation, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has been able to conduct a critical assessment of the experience of populations suffering from disparate health outcomes across our Nation.

Today, Senator Kennedy continues to fight for equal access to health care through legislation and public awareness campaigns nationwide. Senator Kennedy has been an advocate for health care reform and has been steadfast in his belief that all people should receive quality health care. He once said, "Health care in our nation should be a basic right for all, not just an expensive privilege for the few. It's a scandal that over 45 million Americans have no health insurance and that people of color have greater difficulty obtaining good health care than other Americans. Your health should not depend on the color of your skin, the size of your bank account, or where you live. In a nation as advanced as ours and with its state-of-the-art medical technology for preventing illness and caring for the sick, it is appalling that so many health disparities continue to exist."

Commonly referred to as "The Lion of the Senate" due to his influence and ability to garner overwhelming support for legislation such as those promoting the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in health, the need to have leaders such as Senator Kennedy could not be more important. His ideals and strong belief in advocating for those who have often been marginalized by society has allowed him to serve this country for more than 46 years and counting.

His work is a testament to his lifelong commitment to public service and the need for more individuals that will mirror his commitment to improving the health of Americans of all colors. We honor him for his vision, leadership, and dedication to eliminating health disparities in the United States.

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ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

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Physicians

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior, A Medical Education Company (IAHB-AMEDCO) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH). IAHB-AMEDCO is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA PRA Statement

IAHB-AMEDCO designates this educational activity for a maximum of 16.16 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

Amedco, St Paul, MN, is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association Continuing Education Approval Program Committee, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This course is co-provided by Amedco and OMH. Maximum of 14.75 contact hours.

Pharmacists

 Amedco, LLC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. Successful completion of this program qualifies for up to 14.75 contact hours.

Dieticians

You can earn a total of up to 16.0 CPEUs by attending this conference. Please see the PDP guidelines at www cdrnet org for further explanation of requirements.

Social Workers

This course is co-sponsored by R. Cassidy Seminars and OMH. R. Cassidy Seminars, ASWB provider #1082, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards, (www aswb org), phone: 1-800-225-6880) through the Approved Education (ACE) program. R. Cassidy Seminars maintains responsibility for the program. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval. Social workers will receive up to 16.0 continuing education clock hours in participating in this course.

Certified Health Education Specialists

An application for credit has been submitted to the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

Satisfactory completion

Participants must complete an attendance/evaluation form in order to receive a certificate of completion/attendance. Your chosen sessions must be attended in their entirety. Partial credit of individual sessions is not available.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

The National Committee for Quality Assurance is a private, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. Since its founding in 1990, NCQA has been a central figure in driving improvement throughout the health care system, helping to elevate the issue of health care quality to the top of the national agenda.

NCQA has helped to build consensus around important health care quality issues by working with large employers, policymakers, doctors, patients and health plans to decide what's important, how to measure it, and how to promote improvement. That consensus is invaluable—transforming our health care system requires the collective will and resources of all these constituencies and more.

The Office of Minority Health is pleased to work with NCQA as its co-sponsor of the Third National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health, and as a partner in achieving health equity for all.

The Office of Minority Health, HHS is grateful to its Federal Team Partners

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Immediate Office of the Secretary (IO)

Indian Health Service (IHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (ASAM)

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)

Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)

Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP)

Office on Women's Health (OWH)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)



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1:30pm - 2:30pm Plenary I	9:30am - 10:30am Plenary V	10:20am - 11:40am Concurrent Workshop Sessions
2:30pm - 3:45pm Plenary II	10:50am - 12:00pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions	12:20pm - 2:20pm Concurrent Institutes Sessions
4:00pm - 5:15pm Plenary III	12:00pm - 1:30pm Luncheon	1:00pm - 2:20pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions
5:30pm - 7:30pm Welcome Reception (Exhibit Hall)	1:40pm - 2:50pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions & Institutes	2:30pm - 5:00pm Plenary VII
	3:10pm - 4:30pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions & Institutes	Program Key:
	6:00pm - 9:30pm Awards Ceremony	Plenary Sessions Workshop & Institute Sessions Luncheons, Receptions & Awards Ceremony Exhibits Pre-Summit Meetings

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12:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Information Desk Open
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	PLENARY I: OPENING CEREMONY
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm	PLENARY II: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PROVIDERS IN AN ERA OF CHANGE
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	PLENARY III: EMPOWERING PATIENTS – THE ROAD AHEAD TO IMPROVING ACCESS
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	RECEPTION (Exhibit Hall)

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7:30 am – 4:30 pm	Registration / Cyber Café Open
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Information Desk Open
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8:30 am – 9:30 am	PLENARY IV: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES
9:30 am – 10:30 am	PLENARY V: TOWARD TRANSFORMATIONAL PATIENT-CENTERED CARE
10:30 am – 10:50 am	Break

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7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Registration / Cyber Café Open
7:30 am – 4:30 pm	Information Desk Open
8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Exhibits Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	PLENARY VI: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR MINORITY YOUTH
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am – 11:40 pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
12:20 pm – 2:20 pm	CONCURRENT INSTITUTES
1:00 pm – 2:20 pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS
2:20 pm – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	PLENARY VII: NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM TOWN HALL MEETING

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8:30am–12:00pm	Call to Action: Addressing the Healthcare and Wellness Needs of Women Living with Lupus <i>Office on Women's Health, HHS</i>
8:30am–12:00pm	State Office of Minority Health Directors Meeting <i>National Association of State Offices of Minority Health</i>
8:30am–12:00pm	The Oral Health Policy Agenda <i>Office of Minority Health, HHS</i>
9:00am–11:30am	Beyond the Myth: New Media Use and Communities of Color <i>Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, HHS</i>
10:00am–12:00pm	Healthy People 2020 Development <i>Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, HHS</i>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits Open (Unopposed exhibit time from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)
12:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Information Desk Open
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	PLENARY I: OPENING CEREMONY
	Opening Welcome <i>Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH</i> Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health
	Presentation of Colors <i>U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Color Guard</i>

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National Anthem

Robert Moore

Member, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Cultural Opening

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tapp

Senior Pastor, Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park, MD

Opening Remarks

Margaret Heckler, JD

Former Secretary, HHS

Presentation

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Recipient

Secretary's Lifetime Achievement Award

Remarks

January Contreras

Acting Director, Arizona Department of Health Services

2:30 pm – 5:15 pm

**PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS: CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF CHANGING
HEALTHCARE**

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**PLENARY II: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PROVIDERS IN AN
ERA OF CHANGE**

SPEAKERS:

Nancy H. Nielsen, MD, PhD

President, American Medical Association

Carolyn Barley Britton, MD, MS

President, National Medical Association

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH

President, National Hispanic Medical Association

Ho Tran, MD, MPH

President and CEO, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Representative, National Council of Asian and Pacific Islander Physicians

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

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4:00 pm – 5:15 pm **PLENARY III: EMPOWERING PATIENTS – THE ROAD AHEAD TO IMPROVING ACCESS**

SPEAKERS:

Joe A. Garcia

Ohkay Owingeh

President, National Congress of American Indians

Janet Murguía, JD

President and CEO, National Council of La Raza

Carmen R. Nevarez, MD, MPH

President-Elect, American Public Health Association

Daniel R. Hawkins, Jr.

Senior Vice President, Policy and Programs

National Association of Community Health Centers

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **RECEPTION (Exhibit Hall)**

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7:30 am – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 4:30 pm Registration / Cyber Café Open

7:30 am – 5:00 pm Information Desk Open

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Exhibits Open

8:30 am – 9:30 am **PLENARY IV: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES**

SPEAKERS

Paul Jarris, MD, MBA

Executive Director, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

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Scott Leitz, MPA

Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health

Neal Palafox, MD, MPH

Professor and Chair, Dept of Family Medicine and Community Health,
John A. Burns, School of Medicine
University of Hawaii

9:30 am – 10:30 am

PLENARY V: TOWARD TRANSFORMATIONAL PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Maulik Joshi, DrPH

President, Health Research and Educational Trust

Margaret O’Kane

President, National Committee for Quality Assurance

Laura Miller, MPA, FACHE

Interim Executive Director, National eHealth Collaborative

10:30 am – 10:50 am

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10:50 am – 12:00 pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

A1. Promoting Obesity Prevention and Opportunities for Wellness

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

A2. Strengthening Communities to Impact Health Policy that Addresses Health Disparities

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

A3. Working Together to Eliminate Viral Hepatitis in the US

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

A4. Using Multi-Cultural Community Outreach Approaches to Facilitate Healthy Change

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

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A5. Addressing Health Disparities through Collaborative Research and Evaluation

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

A6. Addressing Diabetes Interventions

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

A7. Strengthening Community-Based Services and Advocacy for Improved Health Care

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

A8. Practice What You Preach: Examining the Role of Medical Providers in Eliminating Health Disparities

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

A9. Developing Interventions to Address HIV Issues in Diverse Communities and Genders

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

A10. Enhancing the Collection and Analysis of Racial and Ethnic Data

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

A11. Translating Data to Guide Policy and Practice

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

A12. Strategies to Address Health Disparities Through Partnerships

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

A13. Strategies for Providing Culturally Competent Care to Diverse Populations

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

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**A14. Making a Difference in Health Disparities: March of Dimes
New Approaches for Working with Communities of Diverse
and Ethnic Backgrounds**

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

**A15. Cultural and Linguistic Competency Research: Community
Based Research, Culture, Design, and Awareness**

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering
Health Services

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

LUNCHEON

Opening Remarks

Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH

Video Message

Congressman Mike Honda

Keynote

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., MD

Pediatric Neurosurgeon

Author, *Gifted Hands* and *Think Big*

1:40 pm – 2:50 pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

**B1. A Dialogue on Opportunities for Health Information
Technology (HIT) in Underserved Communities**

Track: INSTITUTE - HIT

**B2. Understanding Federal Data Systems: An Overview of the
Collection, Analysis and Reporting of Race and Ethnicity Data**

Track: INSTITUTE - Data Policy

**B3. Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and
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Track: INSTITUTE - Social Determinants of Health

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B4. Reducing Disparities in Mental-Physical Co-Morbidities: Precursors, Manifestations, Consequences and Integrated Care
Track: INSTITUTE-Mental Health

B5. Healthy People State Planning and Implementation - Present and Future
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

B6. Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives
Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

B7. Innovative Media Strategies for Addressing Inequalities in Health
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

B8. Role of Public Health Associations in Defining Strategies
Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

B9. Clear Talk: A Systems Level Approach to Effective Patient/Provider Communication and Assessing Behavioral Risk Factors
Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

B10. Preconception Health: Ordinary Couples Don't Plan their Pregnancies! Be Extraordinary
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

B11. Empowering Communities to Improve Health through Research and Interventions
Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

B12. Community-Based Efforts to Address Inequities in Health
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

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B13. Building Community Capacity to Improve the Environment and Address Social Change

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

B14. Urgent Needs of Divergent Populations: How to Avoid Disasters for People with Special Needs in Emergencies and in Hospitals

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

B15. Systems to Consider in Developing Responsive Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programs

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

B16. Mental and Behavioral Health: Positive Steps Forward

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

B17. Regional Approaches: Cultural Competency Initiatives to Mitigate Health Disparities

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

2:50 pm – 3:10 pm

Break

3:10 pm – 4:30 pm

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C1. The Art of Building Successful Collaborations

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

C2. The Use of Information Technology in Dissemination of Health Prevention Strategies

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

C3. Equipping Patients with Tools to Improve Outcomes

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

C4. Using Culturally Competent Practices to Promote Healthy Life Styles

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

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C5. The Role of Community Health Centers and Community-Based Organizations in Improving Health Disparities

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation
More Effectively Research

C6. Cancer Strategies Making a Difference in the Community

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

C7. Models for Enhanced Patient Provider Interaction

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

C8. Thinking Outside the Box: Cultural Competency Workforce Initiatives

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

C9. Eliminating Diabetes Health Disparities: Research and Health Education

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation
More Effectively

C10. Minority Women's Health

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

C11. Public/Private Collaboration: Is it Overrated?

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

C12. Knowledge to the People: Research Translation and Dissemination to Improve Local Health

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation
More Effectively

C13. Workforce Development Issues: Experience and Training - Keys to Success

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

C14. Language Access: Challenges and Opportunities

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

RECEPTION

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

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7:30 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Registration / Cyber Café Open
7:30 am – 4:30 pm	Information Desk Open
8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Exhibits Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	PLENARY VI: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR MINORITY YOUTH
	SPEAKERS
	Jeff Johnson
	Host, BET's <i>The Truth</i>
	Deron Cherry
	Former NFL Player, Kansas City Chiefs
	Yul Kwon
	Winner, <i>Survivor: Cook Islands</i>
	Adam Beach
	Saulteaux Ojibwe
	Golden Globe Nominated Actor
	Flags of our Fathers, Windtalkers, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am – 11:40 am	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS
	D1. Building Capacity: Increasing Diversity in Health Professions
	Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities
	D2. Diversifying the Next Generation of Health Professionals
	Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels
	D3. Eliminating Health Disparities through Targeted Education and Training of Medical Providers
	Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

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D4. Limited English Proficiency - Bridging Health Literacy Barriers

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

D5. Reducing Health Disparities: Public and Private Models

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

D6. Technological Solutions to Health Disparities

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

D7. Building Leaders Through Youth Empowerment and Engagement

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

D8. Cross-Cutting Cultural Competency Initiatives and Policy Implications

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

D9. Resources to Build Capacity for Health Disparities Policy and Advocacy

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

D10. Empowering Adolescents for Better Health

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

D11. Art of Strengthening Leadership in Health Disparities

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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12:20 pm – 2:20 pm

CONCURRENT INSTITUTES

E1. Town Hall: Strategies for Addressing Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities
Track: INSTITUTE - WANHOPII

E2. The Role of Legislatures in Adopting Statewide Initiatives to End Health Disparities
Track: INSTITUTE - NCSL

E3. Healthy Marriage as a Social Determinant of Health: Linking the Relationship between Marital Status and the Health Outcomes for Adults and Children
Track: INSTITUTE – Increase Awareness and Research

E4. Addressing American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities into the 21st Century
Track: INSTITUTE - Tribal Consultation

E5. Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

E6. Prevention, Health and Equity: A National Movement Breaking New Ground
Track: INSTITUTE - Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

1:00 pm – 2:20 pm

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

E7. Model Collaboration in HIV/AIDS Outreach and Prevention
Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

E8. Strengthening Community for Sustained Leadership
Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

E9. Strategies to Improve Patient Education and Health Literacy to Promote Better Patient/Provider Interaction
Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

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E10. Methodologic Issues for Racial and Ethnic Data Collection

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

E11. Integrated Service Learning Models

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

E12. Innovative Evaluation for Improved Outcomes

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

E13. Strategies for Building Health Knowledge and Awareness

Among Women

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

E14. Exploring and Utilizing Culturally Competent WEB-Based Tools and Materials in Addressing Health Disparities

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

E15. Stopping Discrimination Before It Starts: The Impact of Civil Rights Laws on Healthcare Disparities - A Medical School Curriculum

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

E16. Effective Communication Strategies towards Preventing Viral Hepatitis and Maintaining a Healthy Liver

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

E17. Patient Navigation: Implementing Successful Patient-Provider Communication Systems

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

E18. Never On My Watch Again! Joining Forces to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities

Track: Strengthening Leadership at All Levels

2:20 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

PLENARY VII: NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM TOWN HALL MEETING

Plenary Speakers and Moderators



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GARTH N. GRAHAM, MD, MPH

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health



Dr. Garth N. Graham is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) was created by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 1985 as a result of the Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health. The office operates under the provisions of the Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998. The mission of the OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic populations through the development of effective health policies and programs that help to eliminate health disparities. These populations include Blacks/African Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders and Hispanics/Latinos.

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Dr. Graham reports to the Assistant Secretary for Health and works closely with all agencies throughout the Department. The Office of Minority Health develops and coordinates Federal health policy that addresses minority health concerns and ensures that Federal, State and local health programs take into account the needs of disadvantaged, racial and ethnic populations.

Dr. Graham serves as the Executive Director of the HHS Council on Health Disparities. The Council is comprised of senior leadership across the department, which coordinates and tracks progress on disparities related projects undertaken by the department. He was previously appointed a White House Fellow. The White House Fellows program is America's most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

Dr. Graham has significant experience working in minority communities. He founded the Boston Men's Cardiovascular Health Project, a project designed to identify behavioral explanations for decreased adherence to adequate diet and exercise by African American men. Dr Graham was the Founding Senior Editorial Board Member of the Yale Journal of Health, Law, Policy, and Ethics, served on the Editorial Board of the Yale Journal of Biology and Science, and was a reviewer for the Journal of Health Services Research. He also served on the Public Health Executive Council of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Board of Directors of Physicians for Human Rights, Chairman of the American Medical Association/MSS National Minority Issues Committee and on the Steering Committee of the Boston Men's Health Coalition. Dr. Graham has taught on the Faculty of the Observed Structured Clinical Exam at Harvard Medical School and has authored scientific articles and presentations on cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and community medicine and medical education.

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Dr. Graham earned an MD from the Yale School of Medicine, where he graduated cum laude. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and named a Yale President Public Service Fellow. He also earned an MPH from the Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health with a focus in health policy administration. Dr. Graham completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and was also a Clinical Fellow at Harvard Medical School. He has received numerous accolades for his leadership and service in promoting health, including the 2002 American Medical Association Leadership Award, the Partners in Excellence Award and the Miriam Kathleen Dasey Award from Yale Medical School.

ROBERT D. MOORE

Member

Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Robert D. Moore, an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, is serving his second consecutive term as an elected Council member of the Tribe. Mr. Moore also is the Great Plains Alternate Area Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians, and Great Plains representative to the Tribal Technical Advisory Group of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As a leader for the Great Plains tribes, he worked to secure recent passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in the U.S. Senate advocating for tribal citizens, promoting tribal sovereignty and securing treaty obligations for health care. His work in federal-tribal relations for 20 years, including serving as the Indian Affairs staff member for former U.S. Senator Tom Daschle, has raised the awareness of health disparities throughout all of Indian Country. He also is a strong advocate for American Indian higher education as a former employee and graduate of Sinte Gleska University of Rosebud.

Mr. Moore has enjoyed an extensive vocal performance career beginning at an early age. His many solo performances have taken him from churches, civic organizations, political events, county fairs, concert halls, Walt Disney World, colleges and schools, Mount Rushmore, the United States Capitol building, and many other venues throughout the country. He has performed before two United States Presidents, including President Obama, who invited him to perform the National Anthem during the Democratic National Convention in Denver last August. He also performed the National Anthem for the 1996 DNC in Chicago, where he was a delegate from South Dakota. Mr. Moore still credits his parents for their early musical influence and teaching in his life; and his favorite place to sing is his father's church on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation.

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PASTOR CHARLES ANTOINE TAPP

Senior Pastor, SDA Church, Takoma Park, MD



Pastor Charles Antoine Tapp is the Senior Pastor of Sligo Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church, a multi-cultural congregation representing more than 80 nationalities with a 100-year history, in Takoma Park, MD. Pastor Tapp attended Oakwood College and Andrews University, where he received a Bachelors degree in Theology and Accounting and a Masters in Divinity, respectively.

His 27-year ministry includes service as Chaplain and Instructor at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland; Administrative and Senior Pastor for Seabrook SDA Church in Lanham, Maryland; Associate and Senior Pastor for Oakwood College Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and, Associate Senior Pastor and Pastor for Young Adult Ministries at the Sligo SDA Church. Pastor Tapp's ministry has not been limited to the pulpit. In addition to his pastoral ministry, he has worked in the field of radio broadcasting as an announcer, producer, and host of several programs, as well an instructor on several Adventist college campuses. He served as an instructor in the Departments of Religion and Communications at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica, W.I. and as director of Hilltop Sounds, the University's recording studio. Pastor Tapp has also served as an adjunct instructor in the Religion and Communications Departments of Oakwood College and adjunct instructor in the Department of Religion at Columbia Union College.

HONORABLE MARGARET M. HECKLER

Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Margaret M. Heckler was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the Cabinet position of Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on January 12, 1983 and was sworn in to that position by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on March 9, 1983. She served as Secretary from 1983–1985. Following her tenure at HHS, she was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, where she served from 1985–1989.

During her tenure as Secretary, Mrs. Heckler established a Secretarial Task Force charged with investigating the health problems of African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and American Indians and Alaska Natives. The results of the Task Force's research were presented to then-Secretary Heckler in August 1985 as the *Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black & Minority Health*. This report led to the establishment of the Office of Minority Health.

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Mrs. Heckler began her political career as the first woman elected to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Governor's Council on which she served two terms before her election to Congress. She served 16 years in the U. S. House of Representatives from Massachusetts' 10th Congressional District after being elected in 1966 to the first of her eight terms. She was the senior ranking woman in Congress.

In the House, Mrs. Heckler served on the Joint Economic Committee, Science and Technology Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee and the Select Committee on Aging. She held key positions on various subcommittees as vice chair of Agriculture and Trade, ranking Republican on Education, Training and Employment and second ranking GOP member on Hospitals and Health Care. She authored Title III of Public Law 96-330, Geriatrics, Research and Health Care, which established geriatric centers within the Veterans Administration. As a member of the Banking Committee, she authored the Equal Credit Opportunity Act which ensured women equal access to credit. In 1977, as one of 11 women in Congress, she was the co-founder of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues which she co-chaired through 1982.

Mrs. Heckler serves on many corporate and non-profit boards of Directors, including the Wolf Trap Foundation and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.

She has three children: John Heckler, Jr., Alison Heckler-Haensler and Belinda Mullikan, and is the proud grandmother of John Mullikan IV, John Heckler III, Amanda Heckler and Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy Heckler.

NANCY H. NIELSEN, MD, PhD

President America Medical Association



Nancy H. Nielsen, MD, PhD, an internist from Buffalo, NY, became the 163rd president of the American Medical Association (AMA) in June 2008. Dr. Nielsen was speaker of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) from 2003 to 2007 and vice speaker for the three preceding years. She was a delegate from New York and previously served two terms on the AMA Council on Scientific Affairs, where she helped formulate policy positions for AMA-HOD debates on the diagnosis and treatment of depression, alcoholism among women, Alzheimer's disease, priorities in clinical preventive services, colorectal cancer screening, asthma control, nicotine content of cigarettes and medication safety.

Among other AMA positions, Dr. Nielsen has served as a member of the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Directors, the Commission for the Prevention of Youth Violence, and the Task Force on Quality and Patient Safety. She is the AMA representative on many quality initiatives,

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including the National Quality Forum, the AMA Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, the Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance, and the Quality Alliance Steering Committee. She serves on the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Evidence-Based Medicine. Dr. Nielsen was speaker of the Medical Society of the State of New York House of Delegates, and a member of the board of directors of the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company—one of the largest malpractice carriers in the country. She also was president of her county medical society and her hospital's medical staff. Dr. Nielsen holds a doctorate in microbiology and received her medical degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is clinical professor of medicine and senior associate dean for medical education at her alma mater, and has served as a trustee of the SUNY system. She was a member of the board of directors of Kaleida Health—a five-hospital system in western New York—and was chief medical officer of a large regional health plan in the Buffalo area.

CAROLYN BARLEY BRITTON, MD, MS

President, National Medical Association



Carolyn Barley Britton, MD, MS, is a recognized expert in Neurovirology and Infectious/Inflammatory Diseases of the nervous system. She is currently Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and Associate Attending at New York Presbyterian Medical Center. Dr. Britton is a graduate of Oberlin College and New York University Medical School. She completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Harlem Hospital Center, Columbia University Affiliation, followed by a residency in Neurology and a research fellowship in Neurovirology at the Neurological Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. She is double-boarded in Internal Medicine and Neurology.

Dr. Britton was among the first to describe the neurologic complications of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and is a recognized authority on a rare viral complication, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy. Her work at the National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases helped produce changes in federal clinical research guidelines that require the inclusion of women and minorities and the expansion of clinical trials.

Throughout her career, Dr. Britton has held leadership positions in professional organizations, committees, and boards. Her work in the National Medical Association includes leadership positions from the local to the national level. She has served as President of the Manhattan Medical Society; Chair, Region I; Chair Neurology/ Neurosurgery Section of the NMA; Trustee Finance Chair, and Chair of the Board of Trustees; and President-Elect. In July 2008 during the NMA Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, Dr. Britton was installed as the 109th President of the National Medical Association.

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ELENA RIOS, MD, MSPH

President, National Hispanic Medical Association



Dr. Elena V. Rios serves as President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA), representing Hispanic physicians in the United States. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation, affiliated with the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, to direct educational and research activities.

Dr. Rios serves on the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda and the Partnerships for Prevention Boards of Directors, the American Medical Association Commission to End Health Disparities, and is Co-chair for the Hispanic Health Coalition. She has lectured and published articles and received several awards on health policy, including awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses, American Public Health Association Latino Caucus, Association of Hispanic Health Executives, Minority Health Month, Inc., and *Hispanic Magazine*.

Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. She worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher before being appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as the Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House. Dr. Rios has also served as President of the Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, Advisor to the National Network of Latin American Medical Students, member of the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, Stanford Alumni Association and Women's Policy Inc. Boards of Directors, and the AMA's Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committee.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University, MSPH at the University of California School of Public Health, her MD at the UCLA School of Medicine, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles, and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA.

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HO TRAN, MD, MPH

President and CEO, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Representative, National Council of Asian and Pacific Islander Physicians



Dr. Ho Luong Tran is President and CEO of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities. Dr. Tran has been involved in the multifaceted system of health care delivery, especially in relation to the minority population, and is a staunch advocate for policy changes and for the elimination of health disparities. She served as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Minority Health, US Department of Health and Human Services.

As APIAHF President and CEO, she has grown the organization's budget from \$2.9 to \$6 million in less than five years, helped create the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alliance and the National Council of API Physicians, and led her policy staff to develop the *Blueprint for Achieving Optimal Health and Well-Being of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders*.

Under Dr. Tran's leadership, APIAHF has partnered with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Health Through Action (HTA), the first cooperative effort between a private foundation and a national AA and NHPI organization. This \$16.5 million investment is providing local communities with funding, training, and technical assistance to address ethnic-specific health issues in the AA and NHPI communities. HTA is forming a national network and building a cohesive AA and NHPI health movement that speaks with one voice for change.

A visionary administrator with more than 20 years experience leading innovative legislative, policy and community initiatives and an outstanding ability to establish coalitions between the public, private and community sectors, Dr. Tran holds a doctor of medicine degree with a specialty in Pediatrics and a Master's in Public Health, focusing on Community Health Services.

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JOE A. GARCIA, BS

Sokuwa Owing T'aa (Mark of the Misty Lake) (Tewa Name)

Ohkay Owingeh

President, National Congress of American Indians



Joe Garcia is the President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the largest national Indian organization representing more than 250 member Tribal Nations throughout the United States. Actively involved in NCAI since 1995, Mr. Garcia served two 2-year terms as the First Vice President prior to being elected President in November of 2005 and re-elected in 2007. He completed his third term as Governor of Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo), located in northern New Mexico, after which he was elected Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, which serves the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico.

Mr. Garcia was born and raised in Ohkay Owingeh and continues to serve his community in traditional, educational, tribal government, and economic development efforts. He is an electrical engineer by profession, with a Bachelors of Science Electrical Engineering degree from the University of New Mexico. In June 2003, he retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory after 25 years of service and started his own firm, MistyLake Consulting Services. He has taught numerous courses in computers, electronics, lasers, and math at the Northern New Mexico Community College since 1979. His professional training also includes Black Belt Certification for the renowned Six Sigma Quality Improvement process.

Mr. Garcia has been recognized for his service to his tribe as well as to the State of New Mexico and the nation. In 1995, he was awarded the New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award and in 1998, he received the Luminaries Award from the New Mexico Community Foundation.

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JANET MURGUIA, JD

President and CEO, National Council of La Raza



Janet Murguía is a key figure among the next generation of leaders in the Latino community. Since January 2005, she has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council of La Raza, the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S.

Ms. Murguía began her career in Washington, DC, serving for seven years as legislative counsel to former Kansas Congressman Jim Slattery. She then worked at the White House, ultimately serving as deputy assistant to President Clinton, providing strategic and legislative advice to the president on key issues. She served as deputy director of legislative affairs, managing the legislative staff and acting as a senior White House liaison to Congress.

She then served as deputy campaign manager and director of constituency outreach for the Gore/Lieberman presidential campaign. In that role, she was the primary liaison between former Vice President Gore and national constituency groups. She also served as a spokesperson for the campaign, working with radio, print, and TV media outlets.

In 2001, Murguía joined the University of Kansas (KU) as Executive Vice Chancellor for University Relations, overseeing KU's internal and external relations with the public, including governmental and public affairs. She coordinated the university's strategic planning and marketing efforts at the four KU campuses with those of the Alumni Association, the Athletics Corporation, and the Endowment Association.

Murguía is currently a Board member of the Independent Sector, a coalition of leading nonprofits, foundations, and corporations committed to connecting, informing, and advocating on behalf of the nonprofit and philanthropic community. She is also a member of the Merrill Lynch Diversity and Inclusion Council and is an executive committee member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In addition, Murguía sits on the Board of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

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CARMEN RITA NEVAREZ, MD, MPH President-Elect, Public Health Institute



With more than 30 years experience as a physician and 20 years as a public health practitioner, **Dr. Carmen Rita Nevarez** is uniquely qualified to serve as an advocate for issues impacting the public's health. Dr. Nevarez currently serves as the Vice President for External Relations and Preventive Medicine Advisor at the Oakland-based Public Health Institute (PHI), one of the largest and most comprehensive public health organizations in the nation.

Prior to joining PHI, Dr. Nevarez served as a Health Officer and Department Director with the Department of Health and Human Services at the City of Berkeley, directing integrated public health and community programs. At University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health, she was Assistant to the Dean and Community Liaison and a community-based public health practice resource to the campus and community organizations. Dr. Nevarez continues to provide medical services to multicultural, multi-ethnic communities in diverse settings.

Dr. Nevarez received her MD from the University of Minnesota and her MPH from the University of California at Berkeley, completing a General Preventive Medicine Residency with California Department of Health Services.

Dr. Nevarez is President-elect of the American Public Health Association (APHA); serves as Chair of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California Board of Directors; is on the Partnership for Prevention Board of Directors; Advisory Board for San Francisco State University Research Training in Health Disparities Program. Dr. Nevarez was named in Latinas of Excellence, *Hispanic Magazine*, in 2004 and 2005.

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DANIEL R. HAWKINS, JR.

Senior Vice-President for Policy and Programs

National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.



Dan Hawkins is Senior Vice-President for Policy and Programs at the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. (NACHC), where for the past 28 years he has provided NACHC's membership with federal and state health-related policy development, policy research, analysis, information, and advocacy. During his tenure at NACHC, federal support for health centers has grown from \$350 million to over \$2 billion annually, and the number of people served by health centers has grown from 5 million to more than 18 million. Prior to joining NACHC, Dan served as a VISTA volunteer, Executive Director of a migrant and community health center located in south Texas, and as an assistant to HHS Secretary Joseph Califano during the Carter

Administration. He has written numerous articles and monographs on health care and health center issues, and has provided testimony before several Congressional Committees. Dan teaches a course in health policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, has lectured on health policy topics at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Brandeis, and other universities, and has been interviewed frequently by major newspapers and radio/television networks. He has been named one of America's most influential health policy makers.

PAUL E. JARRIS, MD, MBA

Executive Director

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials



Paul E. Jarris, MD, MBA was appointed Executive Director of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) effective June 19, 2006. Prior to his appointment as executive director, Dr. Jarris served on the ASTHO Executive Committee.

As State Health Official of the Vermont Department of Health, Dr. Jarris oversaw a department of 850 employees, 12 district offices, and a \$250 million budget serving the public health, mental health and substance abuse needs of all Vermonters. During his tenure, Dr. Jarris implemented *The Vermont Blueprint for Health: The Chronic Care Initiative*, a public-private

strategic framework launched by Governor Jim Douglas. The Blueprint is a partnership of state government, health insurance plans, business and community leaders, health care providers, and consumers. The program is built on the premise that the prevention of chronic illness, coupled with improved care, will help Vermonters live healthier lives and reduce the overall demand for costly medical services.

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Dr. Jarris graduated from the University of Vermont and received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He interned at Duke-Watts Family Medicine Residency Program in Durham, NC and completed his residency at the Swedish Family Practice Residency Program in Seattle, WA. Following residency training, he completed a fellowship in Faculty Development and received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Washington.

SCOTT LEITZ, MPA

Assistant Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Health



Scott Leitz serves as Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Health, where he directs the Department's efforts on health care policy development and leads the Pawlenty Administration's efforts on health policy and reform. In addition, he directs the Department's overall legislative and policy development activities. His Bureau also is responsible for overseeing the regulation of Health Maintenance Organizations, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals in Minnesota.

Prior to becoming Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Leitz directed the Division of Health Policy, which has broad responsibility for research and analysis on Minnesota's health care market, including the monitoring of health insurance premiums, the status of health access for Minnesotans, research into health disparities, and reporting on issues of health quality. Under Mr. Leitz, the Division also assumed responsibility for the implementation of Minnesota's Health Information Technology efforts and Minnesota's Adverse Health Event reporting system. He also served as the State's Health Care Economist from 1999 to 2005.

Mr. Leitz has a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a B.S. in economics and mathematics from the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire.

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NEAL PALAFOX

Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health,
John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii



Dr. Neal Palafox is currently the chairman of the Department of Family Practice and Preventative Medicine at the University of Hawaii's John Burns School of Medicine. He has traveled all over the Pacific and worked in the Republic of the Marshall Islands from 1982 to 1991. Dr. Palafox has continued to be active in Pacific health issues. He was recently honored by the Intercultural Cancer Council in Washington, D.C. for his most recent work addressing Cancer in the Pacific. Dr. Palafox feels that with careful collaboration with cultural and political institutions, Oceania Community Health will make a measured and sustainable impact in the health of island communities.

MAULIK S. JOSHI, DRPH

President, Health Research and Educational Trust



Maulik S. Joshi, DrPH, is President of the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) and Senior Vice President for Research at the American Hospital Association (AHA).

As the independent, not-for-profit research affiliate of the AHA, HRET conducts applied research on topics of critical interest to health systems and the communities they serve. HRET's research agenda focuses on quality improvement, patient safety, leadership, governance, payment redesign, care coordination and the elimination of disparities in health care delivery.

Before joining HRET and AHA, Dr. Joshi served as president and chief executive officer of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), an organization focused on building and strengthening multi-stakeholder regional coalitions to improve quality and contain health care costs. Dr. Joshi previously was senior advisor for the office of the director at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He also served as president and chief executive officer of the Delmarva Foundation. During Dr. Joshi's tenure, the organization received the 2005 U.S. Senate Productivity Award, based on the Malcolm Baldridge criteria for performance excellence. In addition, Dr. Joshi was vice president of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), co-founder and executive vice president for DoctorQuality, senior director of quality for the University of Pennsylvania Health System, and executive vice president of The HMO Group.

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Dr. Joshi has a doctorate in public health, a master's in health services administration from the University of Michigan and a bachelor of science in mathematics from Lafayette College. He has written extensively for textbooks and sits on numerous governance and advisory boards.

MARGARET O'KANE, MHA

President, National Committee for Quality Assurance



Margaret E O'Kane is the president of NCQA. Under her leadership, NCQA has developed broad support among the employer and health plan communities; today, many Fortune 100 companies will only do business with NCQA-accredited health plans. About three-quarters of the nation's largest employers evaluate plans that serve their employees using Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) data. In recent years, NCQA has received awards from the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, the American Diabetes Association and the American Pharmacists' Association.

In addition to her leadership of NCQA, Ms. O'Kane plays a key role in many efforts to improve health care quality. In 1999, Ms. O'Kane was elected as a member of the Institute of Medicine. She also serves as co-chair of the National Priorities Partnership, a broad-based group of high-impact stakeholder organizations, working together to bring transformative improvement to our health care system.

Ms. O'Kane began her career in health care as a respiratory therapist and went on to earn a master's degree in Health Administration and Planning from the Johns Hopkins University.

LAURA MILLER, MPA, FACHE

Interim Executive Director, National eHealth Collaborative



Laura J. Miller is currently serving as Interim Executive Director for National eHealth Collaborative. As the President of LJ Miller Consulting, LLC, she has consulted on a variety of healthcare, organizational development, and IT initiatives since retirement from the Senior Executive Service. During her government career with Veteran's Administration, she has held a number of leadership roles in health care administration including hospital CEO, regional health system CEO, and eventually serving as Deputy Undersecretary of Health in the Department, where she was responsible for all of VA's field health facilities and led ground breaking change efforts in its multi-billion dollar health care delivery system. She was also responsible for a variety of

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Veterans Health Administration business functions including IT and construction. During her VA tenure, she received the highest civil service honor, the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award. Ms. Miller received an MPA in health administration from the University of Missouri and currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA

15th Congressional District of California



Congressman Mike Honda represents the 15th Congressional District of California in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Honda has been a public servant for decades during which he has been lauded for his work on education, transportation, civil rights, and the environment.

In 2000, Congressman Honda was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He serves on the Appropriations Committee and he is the Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Congressman Honda is dedicated to passing a responsible budget that pays down our nation's debt, revitalizes our economy, while protecting top priorities such as Social Security, Medicare, and public education.

Congressman Honda has been selected by his Democratic colleagues to serve as the Regional Whip for Northern California, Hawaii, American Samoa, and Guam. As Regional Whip, he works with the Democratic Leadership by communicating legislative priorities and strategies to members within his region.

In February, 2005 he was elected Vice Chair for the National Democratic Party. He continues to be a strong voice for the cause of social justice, cultural tolerance and civil rights.

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BENJAMIN S. CARSON, SR., MD

Pediatric Neurosurgeon

Author, *Gifted Hands* and *Think Big*



Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., MD, had a childhood dream of becoming a physician. Growing up in a single parent home with dire poverty, poor grades, a horrible temper, and low self-esteem appeared to preclude the realization of that dream until his mother, with only a third-grade education, challenged her sons to strive for excellence.

After graduating with honors from his high school, he attended Yale University, where he earned a degree in Psychology. From Yale, he went to the Medical School at the University of Michigan, where his interest shifted from psychiatry to neurosurgery. After medical school he became a neurosurgery resident at the world-famous Johns Hopkins Hospital in

Baltimore. At age 33, he became the hospital's Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery. He has directed pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center for nearly a quarter of a century.

In 1987, Carson made medical history with the first successful separation of Siamese twins joined at the back of the head. A 70-member surgical team, led by Dr. Carson, worked for 22 hours. At the end, the twins were successfully separated and now survive independently.

Carson's other surgical innovations have included the first intra-uterine procedure to relieve pressure on the brain of a hydrocephalic fetal twin, and a hemispherectomy, in which an infant suffering from uncontrollable seizures has half of its brain removed. This stops the seizures, and the remaining half of the brain actually compensates for the missing hemisphere.

At Johns Hopkins, he became the inaugural recipient of a professorship dedicated in his name in May, 2008. Dr. Carson holds more than 50 honorary doctorate degrees. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the Horatio Alger Society of Distinguished Americans, and many other prestigious organizations. He sits on the board of directors of numerous organizations and is an Emeritus Fellow of the Yale Corporation, the governing body of Yale University. He was appointed in 2004 by President George W. Bush to serve on the President's Council on Bioethics. Among the literally hundreds of other awards he has received during his distinguished career, in June, 2008, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the President, which is the highest civilian honor in the land. Today, Dr. Carson and his wife, Candy, dedicate themselves to expanding the reach of the Carson Scholars Fund. Their dream is to name a Carson Scholar in every school within the United States.

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JEFF JOHNSON

Host, BET'S *THE TRUTH*



From his celebrated conversations with world figures, to his grass roots trench work to inspire the next generation of leaders; investigative journalist, political correspondent, and activist, **Jeff Johnson** continues to be a trailblazing social entrepreneur and authentic voice for change.

Johnson has spent the last decade merging the worlds of politics and popular culture. His role as a political activist has included work as Senior Advisor for Media and Youth Outreach for People for the American Way, National Director of the Youth & College division of the NAACP, and an appointment by Russell Simmons as the Vice President of the Hip Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN).

Johnson earned a reputation as a positive force among youth and young adults – dubbed the “conscience voice” of Black Entertainment Television – on shows such as “The Jeff Johnson Chronicles”, which he hosted and produced, “Meet the Faith”, and “Rap City.”

Johnson has interviewed such marquee figures as President Barack Obama and the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, among others in the business, entertainment and political arenas and in 2007, he testified before the Committee on Homeland Security regarding recovery efforts in wake of the devastation caused to the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina.

Johnson has published social and political essays and contributes commentary and analysis about issues related to race, politics, popular culture and socio-economics for many news organizations including MSNBC, CNN, and the Fox News Channel.

Johnson consistently challenges audiences to innovatively weigh solutions to resolve historic and systemic social imbalances and inequalities.

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DERON L. CHERRY

Former NFL Player, Kansas City Chiefs



Throughout his career, former Kansas City Chiefs free safety **Deron L. Cherry** has made a commitment to impacting the lives of others, including as a co-founder of Score 1 for Health, a free health screening and preventive health program aimed at helping Kansas City's most vulnerable elementary school children.

Inspired by the story of a young girl whose diagnosis and treatment of a rare eye defect eliminated problems in the classroom, Cherry teamed with the late Robert G. Ricci, DO, then director of medical education at Park Lane Medical Center, to start Score 1 for Health.

Since its inception in 1993, Score 1 for Health has grown from screening only 300 children in its inaugural year to screening over 13,000 in 2007. Co-sponsored by the Deron Cherry Foundation and Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences since 1999, the program also includes preventive health education, referral tracking to help parents connect with health-care providers and a dental and vision voucher program for those who are uninsured or struggling financially.

"When you see these young kids and you see that their lives are being changed, you can't help but be proud," Cherry said.

Deron Cherry was a strong safety and punter at Rutgers University and played for the Kansas City Chiefs from 1981-1991. In 1988, he won the Byron White Humanitarian Award for service to his team, community and country. The annual award is the NFL Players Association's highest honor and is presented to the player who best exemplifies the qualities of Byron White, a former U.S. Supreme Court justice and NFL player who distinguished himself through athleticism, education and community service.

During and after his career with the Chiefs, he has been heavily involved with charity and civic groups. He is actively involved in several non-profit organizations, including Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Project Warmth and the United Negro College Fund. Cherry has been a frequent guest speaker at civic, charitable and corporate events throughout the country.

In 1995, Cherry became the first African-American to co-own a professional NFL football team, the Jacksonville Jaguars. He is also a managing general partner with United Beverage, a local Anheuser-Busch distributor.

Through his daily example, Cherry continues to inspire young children, more than 95,000 since Score 1 began, to stay healthy and active as they reach for their dreams.

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YUL KWON

Winner, Survivor: Cook Islands



Yul Kwon has enjoyed a diverse career in law, politics, business, technology, and media. Yul obtained his BS degree in Symbolic Systems from Stanford University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and received the James Lyons Award for Service. At Yale Law School, he earned his JD and served on the editorial board of the Yale Law Journal. Over the next several years, Yul clerked on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law at two firms. As a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate, Yul helped draft portions of the Homeland Security Act, authored a landmark bill on nanotechnology, and organized a bipartisan caucus on science and technology. He then transitioned into the business sector, becoming a management consultant in the Palo Alto office of McKinsey & Company before joining Google's business operations and strategy group.

In December of 2006, Yul became the first Asian American to win the CBS reality show, *Survivor*. On his way to winning the show's controversial, racially-segregated season, Yul applied the leadership and political skills he developed over the course of his career to lead a multi-ethnic alliance and break stereotypes about Asian Americans in the media. In 2007, he was voted the all-time favorite *Survivor* winner in a poll by *Entertainment Weekly* for his strategic and honest gameplay.

Yul's recent activities include lecturing at the FBI Academy, co-hosting a show for Shark Week on the Discovery Channel, working as a special correspondent for CNN, and speaking on the topic of diversity and teambuilding at universities and corporations. He is also the exclusive Northern California franchisee for Red Mango frozen yogurt, one of the fastest-growing retail brands in the country. Along with receiving commendations from community and government organizations for his dedication to public service, Yul was named in *VIBE Magazine*'s annual "Juice" list of people with power, *People Magazine*'s Sexiest Man Alive issue, and *People*'s Hottest Bachelor issue. He is active in a wide range of philanthropic efforts and has supported many charities, including the National Marrow Donor Program, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Asian American Donor Program, Becky Lee Women's Support Fund, Citizen Schools, and the Decision Education Foundation.

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ADAM BEACH

Saulteaux Ojibwe

Golden Globe Nominated Actor

Flags of Our Fathers, Windtalkers, Law & Order: Special Victims Unit



Adam Beach received much critical acclaim for his powerful starring turn as Ira Hayes, in "Flags of Our Fathers" directed by Clint Eastwood, written by Paul Haggis, and produced by Stephen Spielberg.

Adam is also known for his work in the CBS mini-series "Comanche Moon," written by Diana Ossana and Larry McMurtry. He played Blue Duck opposite a star-studded cast including Val Kilmer and Steve Zahn.

Adam received a Golden Globe nomination for his turn as Charles Eastman in the HBO film adaptation of the world renowned book *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. His performance led to a series regular role on "Law & Order: SVU" playing the role of Ice-T's partner, Chester Lake.

Adam may today be best known for his critically acclaimed portrayal of Victor Joseph in "Smoke Signals," which won the Filmmaker's Trophy Award and the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival. Adam's first brush with fame occurred in his follow up, starring opposite Nicolas Cage in John Woo's "Windtalkers," the story of the Navajo Code Talkers, who spoke their language as a code during World War II.

On television, Beach has starred in the television films "Johnny Total," "Skinwalkers," and "Spirit Rider," among many others. He has also appeared in several episodes of television, including such programs as "JAG," "Third Watch," "The Dead Zone," "Lonesome Dove," "Touched By An Angel," "Walker, Texas Ranger," "Madison," "Dead Man's Gun," a co-starring role as Charlie in CBC's "The Rez," and guest-starred on "First Wave." In Canada, Beach was a series regular on "Moose TV," a limited-run comedy series for Canadian television.

Beach was born in Manitoba, Canada, and began acting in Winnipeg when he was a teenager. At the age of 16, he was introduced to an extras casting director and the meeting landed him a spot in the film "Lost in the Barrens," playing Graham Greene's canoe mate. Beach spent the next four years in the theatrical world of Manitoba small theatre.

Beach's work is strongly rooted in his Native heritage, bringing a unique and diverse perspective to his craft. His commitment to his spiritual development through traditional grass dancing enhances his work. Beach spends his spare time playing hockey and generously donating his voice and enthusiasm in support of Native Youth. He also sings and plays guitar in his own band, Jesus Murphy.

Adam is currently working on a feature film called "Warrior." He resides in Los Angeles.

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A1. Promoting Obesity Prevention and Opportunities for Wellness

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Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Nearly two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese due to sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy eating habits. Obesity rates have increased by more than 60% among adults over the last 10 years. As a result, the health of the nation is getting progressively worse with consequences including increased risk for heart disease, hypertension and diabetes. This session will identify interventions that can promote obesity prevention and highlight opportunities for wellness.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Walking the Walk: Implementation of a Successful Physical Activity Program Among Utah Pacific Islanders
- 2) Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better - A Community-Based Obesity Awareness Program for Black Women

Moderator: Lauren Dahrensbourg, MPH

Presenters: Fahina Pasi, BS

Leslie Curtis, MA

Organizations: National Tongan American Society, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disorders

A2. Strengthening Communities to Impact Health Policy that Addresses Health Disparities

453-999-09-003-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

A large number of factors contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in health status. Healthcare professionals, researchers and policymakers have believed for some time that access to care is the centerpiece in the elimination of these health disparities at the community level. Community health policy has undergone considerable change as part of broader health initiatives within the public sector aimed at achieving equality in healthcare services. This workshop will address four community intervention programs addressing: 1) how a collaborative of safety net organizations can provide practical and replicable strategies for reducing healthcare disparities, including the impact of embedding well-care models in safety-net institutions; 2) how workforce diversity policies can be used as a strategy to eliminate health disparities by creating innovative programs to encourage underrepresented minority youth into the nursing profession; 3) the challenges facing institutions in terms of

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coordination, attendance, mentoring and sustainability; and 4) the trauma faced by individuals and communities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Mobilizing Communities to Address Health Disparities by Understanding the Effects of Trauma
- 2) Engaging Community Stakeholders in Policy Change: EDICT and Project Reconnect
- 3) The Healthcare Equity Blueprint: A Guide for Hospitals and Health Centers

Moderator: Yvette Fryar

Presenters: Bethany Hemlock, MPH

Armin Weinberg, PhD

Bernice Bennett, MPH, CHES

Organizations: Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, Baylor College of Medicine, Nassau University Medical Center

A3. Working Together to Eliminate Viral Hepatitis in the US

453-999-09-004-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

An estimated 1.4 million Americans are chronically infected with hepatitis B virus and an estimated 3.2 million are chronically infected with hepatitis C virus. Racial and ethnic minorities including Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans, as well as other at-risk groups including persons who inject drugs and gay/bisexual men, bear a disproportionate burden of both hepatitis B and C. Given that the prevalence of chronic hepatitis B infection is over 60 times greater among foreign-born populations, culturally and linguistically appropriate initiatives are critical to stemming the incidence of chronic hepatitis B in the US. Despite representing the largest health disparity in these communities, awareness about viral hepatitis remains low among both the public and health care providers. This session will highlight successful local awareness campaigns, collaborative initiatives, programs, and advocacy coalitions that raise the profile of viral hepatitis and its elimination.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) The Power of Many Voices: Raising the Profile of Viral Hepatitis in the United States
- 2) SF Hep B Free: A Model Program to Eliminate Hepatitis B Disparity among Asian Americans
- 3) Hepatitis B and Reduced Health Care Access in Asian Immigrant Communities in Philadelphia

Moderator: Jeffrey Caballero, MPH

Presenters: Chris Taylor
Janet Zola, MPH
Chari Cohen, MPH

Organizations: Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Hepatitis B Foundation

A4. Using Multi-Cultural Community Outreach Approaches to Facilitate Healthy Change

453-999-09-005-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present culturally appropriate outreach strategies to combat health disparities affecting Latino, Asian and Native American populations. Lessons learned from these diverse communities will be discussed, including a Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Program, a Health Promoters Program, and a grassroots Mobilization Program.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Putting the Community First: Facilitating Learning and Health Improvement for Latinos in Lawrence and Beyond
- 2) Improving the Level of Health Education and Outreach to Accommodate the Needs of the Diverse Asian American Community– the Health Promoters Program
- 3) Life is Sacred: Methods for Combating Suicide on a Minnesota Indian Reservation

Moderator: Alberta Becenti, MPH

Presenters: Trinidad Tellez, MD
Anne Marie Poblador, BA
Luanne Koch, BS, MS

Organizations: Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, REACH New England, Asian American Health Initiative, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division

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A5. Addressing Health Disparities through Collaborative Research and Evaluation

453-999-09-006-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

Despite substantial targeted efforts to achieve health equity in the US through research, policy and practice, significant and sometimes deadly disparities continue to persist. Much commentary has noted that disparities elimination efforts are usually conducted in isolation from other efforts, with limited attention given to the complexity of the problem. This workshop will communicate the need for and power of working collaboratively to solve the multi-level complex problem of health disparities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) The Federal Collaboration on Health Disparities Research: Working Outside of the Silos
- 2) Strengthening Partnerships with Social Work to Enhance Evidence-Based Practices to Address and Eliminate Racial/Health Disparities at the Individual, Community and Systems Levels
- 3) Collaboration of a Statewide Academic Panel and a State Office of Minority Health to Improve Evaluation

Moderator: Jane Daye, MA

Presenters: Suzanne Heurtin- Roberts, PhD

Joan Zlotnik, PhD, ACSW

Betty Yung, PhD

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health; Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research and the National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work; Wright State University

A6. Addressing Diabetes Interventions

453-999-09-007-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

There are nearly 21 million Americans with diabetes, and the population is growing very rapidly. More than 600 people die from diabetes and its complications every day. Diabetes can cause serious complications such as heart attack, stroke, blindness, nerve damage, and kidney failure. The focus of this workshop will be on interventions that are currently working to address diabetes.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Project TennesSEWell: Equity of Care in a Statewide Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program
- 2) Primary Prevention of Diabetes Across High Risk Populations
- 3) The Montgomery County African American Health Program – Diabetes Education Classes and Dining Clubs

Moderator: Cesar Palacios, MD, MPH

Presenters: Lawrence Merin, MA

Joanne Gallivan, MS, RD

Linda Goldsholl, MS

Organizations: Vanderbilt University, National Institutes of Health, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

A7. Strengthening Community-Based Services and Advocacy for Improved Health Care

453-999-09-008-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

Creating a healthy legacy for future generations requires an intentional systematic development and maintenance of preventive health in community institutions with inter-generational leadership. Whether it is compromised health, polluted environments, issues of obesity and diabetes, or inadequate health screenings and care, minority citizens are faced with continuing disparities on many fronts. While minority communities experience many unprecedented challenges, tremendous opportunities exist to change these situations to communities of visible health and livelihood. This workshop will present three systemic models demonstrating the enormous capacity for ordinary citizens to take active charge for the well-being of their communities in a cost-effective way.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Role of Self-Help in Increasing the Capacity of Black Women to Manage Their Health
- 2) Engaging Community Residents to Improve Access to Healthy Food and Physical Activity for Obesity Prevention
- 3) The Good Health Place Project: An Innovative, Cost-Effective Empowerment Strategy for Maintaining the Health and Safety of Minority Communities.

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Moderator: Robbie Jackman

Presenters: Valerie Rochester

Sallie Yoshida, DrPH, RD

Regnal Jones, BS, MS, PhD

Organizations: Black Women's Health Imperative, Samuels and Associates, Chicago Area Health & Medical Careers Program at Illinois Institute of Technology

A8. Practice What You Preach: Examining the Role of Medical Providers in Eliminating Health Disparities

453-999-09-009-L04P (K)

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

This workshop explores the various ways that healthcare providers can foster positive health relationships with their patients in order to promote improved patient-provider collaboration. Participants will examine the ways in which their own attitudes and beliefs may affect this relationship, thus impacting the delivery of care. Participants will also discuss steps that they can take to improve the patient-provider relationship by pro-actively assessing and addressing barriers to effective communication and by adopting methods to build patient trust and satisfaction. By strengthening the patient-provider relationship, we can promote worthwhile collaboration and improve patient outcomes.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Examining HIV-Related Provider Stigma: A Review of the Literature
- 2) Health Care Beyond Words: Words and Barriers
- 3) The Provider Patient-Centeredness and Disparities Outcome Measurement Initiative

Moderator: Adrienne Bugs, MD, FAACP

Presenters: Keisha Watson, PhD, MPH

Dallice Joyner, HEd, MEd

Stephen Aragon, PhD, MHA, BS

Organizations: National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center –NMAETC, Northern Virginia Area Health Education Centers Program, Winston-Salem State University and The Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities

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A9. Developing Interventions to Address HIV Issues in Diverse Communities

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Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present three distinct programs describing intervention strategies to address HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis among diverse communities. The use of faith-based approaches, adapting HIV prevention education for non-English speaking women, and understanding the cultural link between domestic violence and HIV will be discussed in this session.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Faith-Based One-Stop Center Reaches Underserved African Americans at High Risk of HIV
- 2) Adapting an HIV Prevention Evidence-Based Intervention for Non-English Speaking Monolingual Women: Lessons from the Chieh Mei Ching Yi/Sisterhood Project
- 3) Addressing the HIV and Domestic Violence Disparities Among African American Women

Moderator: Charlotte A Mullican, MPH

Presenters: Carlton Williams, MDiv

Fiona Ka Wa Ao, MPH

Tricia Bent-Goodley, PhD, MSW

Organizations: Wright State University, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team, Howard University School of Social Work

A10. Enhancing the Collection and Analysis of Racial and Ethnic Data

453-999-09-011-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

Growing importance is placed on the collection of race, ethnicity and primary language spoken in order to improve the quality of minority health data for program monitoring and analytic reports. This workshop will explore how standardization of terms, combining qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, and using community-based participatory research methods to develop level survey instruments improve health data for these purposes.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Findings from the Massachusetts Health Plan Assessment on Race/Ethnicity/Language Data Collection, Reporting and Use
- 2) A Multi-Level Analysis of Black Infant Mortality in Eight Florida Counties
- 3) Asian Community Survey: Preliminary Findings on Health Disparities and Lessons Learned

Moderator: Lorenzo Olivas, MPH

Presenters: Ayodola Anise, MHS
Sandra Suther, PhD
Hong Liu, MD, PhD, JD

Organizations: The Brookings Institution, Florida A&M University, Hawaii State Department of Health

A11. Translating Data to Guide Policy and Practice

453-999-09-012-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Effective and timely translation of data into health policy and practice is essential to public health. This workshop will describe different examples of how data is being translated into health policy and practice. Topics will concentrate on the development of a Latino health agenda through a community-based participatory process, utilizing data to identify disparities and improve quality among health plan enrollees and knowledge, attitudes, as well as practices regarding eye health and disease among Hispanic adults.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) The New England Regional Minority Health Committee 1999 - 2009, A Regional Perspective on Eliminating Health Disparities
- 2) Developing a Latino Health Agenda Through a Community-Based Participatory Process: The Experience of the Latino Health Initiative of Montgomery County, Maryland
- 3) Utilizing Data to Identify Disparities and Improve Quality Among Health Plan Enrollees

Moderator: Fannie Fonseca-Becker, MPH, DrPH

Presenters: Michelle Surdoval
Graciela Jaschek, MPH
Rita Carréon

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Organizations: New England Regional Minority Health Committee, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, America's Health Insurance Plans

A12. Strategies to Address Health Disparities Through Partnerships

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Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

One of the most persistent challenges faced by public health professionals is reducing disparities in health. One way to reduce disparities is to identify and implement effective strategies to improve health within communities with fewer resources. Community-based partnerships have emerged as one mechanism through which community members and public health professionals can work together to identify and implement efforts to improve health. This workshop will address lessons learned through partnerships at the state, local and tribal levels in leveraging and capacity building in confronting challenges in combating health; creating tools/assessment audits to improve health care disparities; linking public health and public housing goals; the importance of addressing contextual and psychosocial well-being issues that Black women face when learning to live healthier lives; and systems that must be addressed to create infrastructure to create minority health infrastructure.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Growing Leadership Down Home: Lessons-Learned from the Minnesota Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative
- 2) Creating State and Local Infrastructure to Nurture, Support and Sustain Efforts to Eliminate Health Disparities
- 3) Healthy Hearts in Public Housing: Promoting Cardiovascular Health Through Collaborative Interagency Partnerships

Moderator: Cheryl Boyce, MS

Presenters: Mitchell Davis, Jr., BS, MBA

Yvonka Hall, MS

Carol Payne, MSN

Organizations: Minnesota Department of Health, Ohio Commission on Minority Health, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

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A13. Strategies for Providing Culturally Competent Care to Diverse Populations

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Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present specific cultural competency strategies that can be used to deliver culturally competent care to racially and ethnically diverse populations. The session will also highlight the importance of developing culturally appropriate tailored programs that take into account knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs of the targeted population.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Weaving an Islander Network for Cancer Knowledge, Attitudes, Behaviors and Beliefs
- 2) Latino Adolescents' Perceptions of Mental Health Resources: Uncovering Actual and Potential Barriers and Facilitators to Care
- 3) Strategies for Providing Culturally Competent Care in Family Planning Clinics

Moderator: Christina Perez, RN

Presenters: Ruth Peters-Pak
Christine Rangen
Jamie Hart, BA, MPH, PhD

Organizations: California State University Fullerton, University of Minnesota, Altarum Institute

A14. Making a Difference in Health Disparities: March of Dimes New Approaches for Working with Communities of Diverse and Ethnic Backgrounds

453-999-09-015-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

In this session summit participants will hear how the March of Dimes is utilizing new approaches for working with communities of diverse and ethnic backgrounds to give consumers the tools they need to improve their lifestyle choices and inform their maternal and child health experiences. Topics to be discussed include perinatal education for American Indian and Alaska Natives, improving the ability of underserved populations to increase their awareness of genetic education (genetic literacy), and understanding the importance of leadership development among Latinas in order to increase awareness and reduce health disparities.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Coming of the Blessing: A Perinatal Education Tool for American Indian and Alaska Natives
- 2) Increasing Genetic Literacy in Underserved Populations to Improve Health and Reduce Health Disparities: The Consumer Genetics Education Network Project
- 3) A Model for Leadership Development Among Latinas to Increase Awareness and Reduce Health Disparities

Moderator: Diane Gross, MPH

Presenters: Carol Arnold, PhD, RN

Diane Ashton, MD, MPH

Claudia De la Cruz, MSW, MDiv

Organizations: Texas Woman's University, March of Dimes National Foundation, Dominican Women's Development Center

A15. Cultural and Linguistic Competency Research: Community-Based Research, Culture, Design, and Awareness

453-999-09-016-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will provide a unique overview of community-based research, incorporating culture, design and awareness. The presentations will highlight various models and approaches that can be implemented with diverse populations, including designing a program with consumer input, modifying approaches to better fit underserved populations, and examining an exemplary model of intervention.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Qualitative Research for Cultural Groups Redefined
- 2) Does Culture Matter: Structural Systems Framework Using Underlying Construct Analysis to Conceptualize and Evaluate Approaches to Risk Reduction and HIV Prevention Intervention among Minorities
- 3) Evaluation of a Barbershop-Based Cancer Educational Program Using Community-Based Participatory Methods

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Moderator: Rosaly Correa-de-Aravjo, MD, MSc, PhD

Presenters: Christine DeCourtney, MPA

Alvin Killough, PhD

Cheryl Holt, PhD

Organizations: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Normandale College, University of Minnesota, University of Maryland

B1. A Dialogue on Opportunities for Health Information Technology (HIT) in Underserved Communities

453-999-09-029-L04P (K)

Track: INSTITUTE - Health Information Technology (HIT)

The National HIT Collaborative for the Underserved envisions an interconnected public and private health system in which all consumers have access to high quality, affordable care and to the information and technology resources required to maximize their access and effective use of healthcare services. The purpose of the Collaborative is to convene, study, experiment and propose solutions to help reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities experienced by medically underserved areas and populations through the use of advances in HIT. This HIT Institute will provide background on a recent policy paper commissioned by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and Planning and Evaluation and assisted by a US Department of Health and Human Services internal workgroup on HIT and the Underserved. The paper highlights programs that have engaged community/customers in the development of their HIT tools and comments on the challenges and opportunities that still lay ahead of this rapidly growing field of HIT.

Moderator: Miryam Granthon, MPH

Presenters: Janet M Marchibroda, MBA

Adil Moiduddin, MPP

Cheryl Austin-Casnoff, MPH

Michael Lardiere, LCSW

Robert Kolodner, MD

Michael Christopher Gibbons, MD, MPH

Organizations: eHealth Initiative and Foundation, University of Chicago, US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, Office of the National Coordinator, Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute

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B2. Understanding Federal Data Systems: An Overview of the Collection, Analysis and Reporting of Race and Ethnicity Data

453-999-09-030-L04P (K)

Track: INSTITUTE - Data Policy

Data on race and ethnicity have been collected on Federal surveys for many years. However, the format and categories included have changed substantially over time to improve the ability to analyze data from various subgroups of the United States (US) population. In 1997, revised minimum standards were published by the Office of Management and Budget that mandated a number of changes in how Federal race/ethnicity data are collected and reported. Presenters will provide information in this session on how the US Department of Health and Human Services' data collection agencies work collaboratively to ensure that HHS information collection activities adhere to OMB requirements, include health topics to generate data for health disparities analysis and reporting, and examine selected methods to improve the precision of estimates for racial and ethnic data.

Moderator: Audrey Burwell, MS

Presenters: Jacqueline Lucas, MPH

Seleda Perryman

Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD

Organizations: University of Maryland School of Public Health, US Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology

B3. Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases

453-999-09-031-L04P (K)

Track: INSTITUTE - Social Determinates of Health

Health disparities in infectious and chronic diseases are linked to social and economic conditions that determine which populations are most severely impacted by these diseases. The World Health Organization defines social determinants as "the social conditions in which people live and work." Further, the WHO's Commission on Social Determinants of Health has issued a call to all governments and the public health community "to lead global action on the social determinants of health with the aim of achieving health equity." Healthy People 2010 emphasized the "need for communities, States, and national organizations to take a multidisciplinary approach to achieving health equity—an approach that involves improving health, education, housing,

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labor, justice, transportation, agriculture, and the environment," yet there has been very limited focus on improving conditions for health. Because of persistent health inequities, Healthy People 2020's overarching framework explicitly states the importance of achieving health equity through the use of a systematic approach of addressing social determinants of health. This interactive institute will provide: 1) an introduction to social determinants of health; 2) its link to health inequities in infectious and chronic diseases; 3) a review of data systems used to obtain information on social determinants of health; and 4) an overview of current programs and initiatives aimed at achieving health equity through addressing social determinants of health.

Moderator: Hazel D Dean, ScD, MPH

Presenters: Marian McDonald, DrPH

Marilyn Metzler, RN

Raul Romaguera, DMD

Tanya Sharpe, PhD

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

B4. Reducing Disparities in Mental-Physical Co-Morbidities: Precursors, Manifestations, Consequences and Integrated Care

Track: INSTITUTE-Mental Health

Co-morbidity of chronic physical conditions with common mental disorders is the norm rather than the exception. This co-occurrence of mental and physical disorders has a broad overlap of precursors, manifestations, and consequences. Mental and physical health have a reciprocal relationship: chronic illness contributes to depression and anxiety, and depression and anxiety make chronic illness more disabling and difficult to manage. The burdens of chronic physical conditions and co-occurring mental disorders have an enormous impact on individuals and their families, especially from underserved populations. This Institute will present important new findings from the World Mental Health Surveys on the co-occurrence of mental and physical morbidities and on the Integrated Medicine/Psychiatry Ambulatory Residency Training program (IMPART) will also provide an overview of the provision of mental health interventions in primary care settings, particularly for racial and ethnic minority populations; it will outline strengths and challenges; and will provide recommendations.

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Moderator: Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD

Presenters: Robert M. McCarron, DO

Teresa Chapa, PhD, MPA

Hendry Ton, MD, MPH

Organizations: University of California, Davis School of Medicine, US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, University of California, Berkley

B5. Healthy People State Planning and Implementation - Present and Future

453-999-09-017-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Speakers will discuss how their specific state has used Healthy People 2010 and highlight programs and initiatives focused on racial and ethnic groups in the state. Topics to be discussed include internal planning process for creating state plans; involvement of communities and stakeholders, how the State links Healthy People objectives to programs; and assessment and progress toward achieving goals and objectives. The session will conclude with a dialogue on the future of health improvement efforts in their state and how this future may impact their 2020 state planning.

Moderator: Lenee Simon, MPH

Presenters: Fern Johnson-Clarke, PhD

Ana Novais

Organizations: District of Columbia Department of Health; Rhode Island Department of Health

B6. Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives

453-999-09-018-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

In 2006, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) instituted an awards program to recognize health plans for innovative efforts to improve culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) and reduce disparities. NCQA sought to understand current efforts and to build an evidence base for what works in this area. Since then, NCQA has highlighted 21 organizations for 27 programs with *Recognizing Innovations in Multicultural Health Care* awards. Two award winners will discuss their respective organizations' efforts to improve CLAS and reduce disparities. Panelists will

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discuss their organization's initiatives and participate in a moderated discussion to highlight common themes and lessons for others engaged in improving care for their diverse populations – both within their member populations and surrounding communities. A NCQA representative will discuss a set of standards to evaluate health care organizations that will be published this year.

Moderator: Esther Han, MPH

Presenters: Sepheen Byron, MHS

Kathryn Coltin, MPH

Tonya Moody, BS

Organizations: National Committee for Quality Assurance, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Keystone Mercy Health Plan

B7. Innovative Media Strategies for Addressing Inequalities in Health

453-999-09-019-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The use of media in communicating health disparities has the potential to allow for population specific targeting. This presentation will address three different media projects; the PBS "Unnatural Causes" TV series, the GoodHealth TV web-based tool targeting Native Americans, and peer-to-peer film testimonials on HIV/AIDS. The presenters will discuss how communities of color are using these media outlets, and they will share their experiences of what worked well and lessons learned from their media projects.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?
- 2) GoodHealthTV
- 3) Communities of Color Engagement in New Technology

Moderator: Chitra Mohla, MS

Presenters: Rachel Poulain, MPH

Candace Muggerud, BA

Miguel Gomez, BS

Organizations: California Newsreel, KAT Communications, Inc., US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy

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B8. Role of Public Health Associations in Defining Strategies

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Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

This workshop will highlight three approaches used by public health associations and organizations to develop strategies to improve the health of Hispanic communities through a series of health summits and forums. Panelists will discuss the barriers of current programs that impact the health of Hispanics (access to health care; prevention of obesity and/or diabetes; how the Latino/Hispanic community is disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS; and the need to increase diversity in the health professions). Panelists will also provide participants with present strategies needed for future health care programs; how to increase and improve the capacity of minority school leaders to provide resources and information to parents and students regarding the childhood obesity epidemic; and how advocacy and mobilization strategies are used to increase participation of minority communities in the healthcare reform debate.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) The National Hispanic Medical Association and US DHHS Office of Minority Health, Health Disparities and Hispanics Leadership Summit Series, 2008, Federal Policy Recommendations
- 2) The National Latino/Hispanic AIDS Action Network: Successfully Organizing Service Providers, Community Activists and Consumers to Develop a Latino AIDS Agenda.
- 3) Building a Multicultural Movement for Health Care Reform

Moderator: RaMeicha Cooks

Presenters: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH

Oscar Lopez, MS

Ruban Cantu, BA

Organizations: National Hispanic Medical Association, Latino Commission on AIDS, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

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B9. Clear Talk: A Systems Level Approach to Effective Patient/Provider Communication and Assessing Behavioral Risk Factors

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Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

Addressing systems transformation at the level of patient-provider collaboration and communication requires a paradigm shift in leadership thinking and practice. The presenters will provide a framework for a collaborative and transformative leadership initiative that requires new thinking and awareness on the part of leaders and the acquisition of new knowledge and skills that includes facilitation and mediation. This workshop will also examine a sector-specific systems-level analysis of various patient-provider collaboration strategies toward improvement of screening for behavioral risk factors in Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funded maternal and child health programs.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Collaborative and Transformative Leadership to Address Patient-Provider Collaboration and Communication
- 2) Assessing for Multiple Behavioral Risk Factors: Lessons Learned from HRSA-Funded Programs

Moderator: Evonne Bennett, BA, CMT

Presenters: Suganya Sockalingam, PhD
Karen Hench, RN, MS

Organizations: Change Matrix, US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

**B10. Preconception Health: Ordinary Couples Don't Plan their Pregnancies!
Be Extraordinary**

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The importance of preconception health and care is becoming more appreciated in the medical and public health communities as great predictors of pregnancy and birth outcomes and of infant health. The high rates of infant mortality in the African American community are paired with very low rates of pregnancy planning and with starting pregnancy in a less than optimal health. Despite the improvements in access to prenatal care, the lack of preconception health and care are still an impediment to better the birth and infant health outcomes and statistics. Medical and public health-oriented community interventions can achieve improved health among the

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childbearing age population. Also, there is a need for better outreach to the younger population to raise health awareness, and to promote healthy behaviors and habits. This is the purpose of the Preconception Peer Educators (PPE) Program in college campuses.

Moderator: Tonya Lewis-Lee

Presenters: Kimberlee Wyche, MD

Mary Lou de Leon Siantz, MD

Maaden Eshete

Organizations: A Healthy Baby Begins with You Campaign, Davidson County Public Health Department, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Morgan State University

B11. Empowering Communities to Improve Health through Research and Interventions

453-999-09-023-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

More community organizations are now working with researchers to design research projects and implement health promotion interventions. The collaborations in this workshop will provide detailed information for local level research, policy and practice efforts aimed at improving racial and ethnic health.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Barriers to Accessing Healthy Foods in Food Insecure Communities
- 2) Feasibility Pilot to Implement a Research Tested Intervention Statewide: Body & Soul: A Celebration of Healthy Eating and Living
- 3) Closing the Health Data Gap: Best Practices from an Indigenous Controlled Research Process

Moderator: Kyu Rhee, MD

Presenters: Darcy Freedman, PhD, MPH

Serina Gaston, MEd

Alyce Adams, PhD

Organizations: University of South Carolina, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Kaiser Permanente

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B12. Community-Based Efforts to Address Inequities in Health

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Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The importance of community-based efforts to address inequities in health are examined in this workshop from three different perspectives. The first is of Samoan women and their access to health education on breast and cervical health. The second is on Florida's Black Infant Health Practice Initiative. The third is on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender group of Callen-Lorde and Howard Brown Health Centers. Similarities and differences in the three programs will be discussed from a "lessons learned" perspective.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Working Against the "Status Quo" In Eliminating Health Disparities in the Villages of American Samoa – A Community-Based Organization's Efforts in Health Education and Navigation
- 2) A Blueprint for Successful Community Engagement and Mobilization: A Review of Florida's Black Infant Health Practice Initiative
- 3) Innovation Strategies To Address The Health And Social Disparities Among LGBT Patients Of Color

Moderator: Maria Rosa Watson, MS, DrPH

Presenters: Marion Hannemann

Estrellita Berry, MA

David Vincent, MSW

Organizations: Samoan National Nurses Association, University of South Florida/Central Hillsborough Healthy Start, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

B13. Building Community Capacity to Improve the Environment and Address Social Change

453-999-09-025-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

This workshop will explore challenges, strategies, and opportunities in building capacity of minority communities in improving the environment and addressing social changes. Panelists will present strategies being used at federal, state and local levels to involve communities in developing structural changes, empowering target populations, and defining culturally appropriate solutions. With a focus on policy implications, this workshop will feature research initiatives from collaborative

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associations that include perspectives from policy makers in building capacity of communities to address the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) CMS: Building a Federal Program Infrastructure to Address Minority Health Disparities and Empower Communities
- 2) The Pow-Wow Leadership Training Program: Trials and Tribulations of Culturally Adapting a "DEBI" Model for HIV Prevention in American Indian Communities
- 3) Building Community Leadership to Address Minority Health Disparities at the Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Imprisonment

Moderator: Claude Colimon

Presenters: Terris King, MS

Linda Harris, BA

Laura McTighe, MTS

Organizations: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, University of Minnesota, The Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project

B14. Urgent Needs of Divergent Populations: How to Avoid Disasters for People with Special Needs in Emergencies and in Hospitals

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

The special needs population may include a wide range of individuals, from persons with disabilities to children, the elderly, institutionalized persons with limited English proficiency, and persons from diverse cultural origins, among others. Some of these individuals are protected under Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, race, color, and national origin. In an emergency situation or in an emergency room, the needs of these individuals can be urgent and critical. Often, their needs intersect, especially where the need is for communication, aids and services, or supports to maintain independence. And often, the solutions intersect. The Office for Civil Rights will discuss how entities that are covered by these civil rights laws can avoid disasters for persons with disabilities, LEP persons, and persons from diverse cultural origins in emergency preparedness activities and in communication in hospitals, by complying with the laws. Knowledge is key – the key to an effective and efficient response that can save lives in life-threatening situations.

Moderator: Sheila Foran, JD

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Presenters: Luben Montoya, JD
Linda Sanches, MPH
Eileen Hanrahan, JD

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights

B15. Systems to Consider in Developing Responsive Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programs

453-999-09-026-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This session will discuss three approaches to developing responsive systems for culturally and linguistically appropriate programs. The presentations will include a project in Colorado to assist organizations in improving their cultural competency, a study of state laws and promising practices in language access, and a discussion on the importance of having formal systems to address the competence of healthcare interpreters.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Critical Strategies in the Development of a Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Health System
- 2) Language Access — State Laws and Promising Practices
- 3) The Long and Winding Road to Health Care Interpreter Certification

Moderator: Juliet K Choi, JD

Presenters: Njoke Thomas, MSPH
Mara Youdelman, JD, LLM
Karin Ruschke, MA

Organizations: The Partnership for Families and Children, National Health Law Program, National Coalition on Health Care Interpreter Certification

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B16. Mental and Behavioral Health: Positive Steps Forward

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Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Mental health disorders are the leading cause of disability in the United States and Canada, accounting for 25% of all years of life lost to disability and premature mortality (Disability Adjusted life years or DALYs). The following workshop will examine three mental health areas: public policy and practice issues in mental health with Hispanics, bipolar disorder outside of mental health settings, and a specific focus on the mental health disparity among Vietnamese Americans.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Public Policy and Practice Issues in Mental Health with Hispanics: Overview of State and National Efforts and Strategies for Creating Change
- 2) Bipolar Disorder Outside of Mental Health Settings
- 3) Closing the Mental Health Disparity among Vietnamese Americans

Moderator: Darlene Coles Boyd, RN, MBA

Presenters: Henry Acosta, MA, MSW

William Lawson, MD, PhD

Young Hoang, MS, PhD

Organizations: National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health, Howard University, Psychiatric Institute of Washington

B17. Regional Approaches: Cultural Competency Initiatives to Mitigate Health Disparities

453-999-09-028-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present specific cultural competency initiatives that have been launched in local community settings. The development of a hospital center on health disparities, a health screening initiative that focuses on approaches for reducing cultural and linguistic barriers, thus increasing the rates health screening for cancer, and a tribal program that uses cultural strengths and community assets to deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate services to mitigate health disparities.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) The Center on Health Disparities at Adventist HealthCare: A Local Approach to Address Disparities
- 2) Innovative Approaches in Providing Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Cancer Education to the Diverse Asian American Community
- 3) Minnesota's Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative: Exemplary Programs Build on Cultural Values and Strengths

Moderator: Jose Tarcisio M Carneiro, PhD

Presenters: Marcos Pesquera, RPh, MPH

Christine Liang, BS

Mitchell Davis, Jr, BS, MBA

Organizations: Adventist HealthCare, Asian American Health Initiative, Minnesota Department of Health

C1. The Art of Building Successful Collaborations

453-999-09-048-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Collaboration can take on many forms and many different lessons can be learned from such experiences. This workshop will describe three collaborations and the progress they have achieved. The first presentation is about the Mini Summits on Minority Health, a unique forum designed to unite and mobilize community stakeholders to address and improve minority health outcomes in Suffolk County through a comprehensive action plan. The second presentation will identify strengths, needs, and opportunities for action among diverse Asian American Communities in Montgomery County, MD. The third presentation will provide unique and innovative examples of health centers that have worked with the Community HealthCorps program to implement and develop national service opportunities (AmeriCorps) resulting in diverse sets of individuals providing community service to decrease disparities in care

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Regarding Eye Health and Disease Among Hispanic Adults: Results of a National Survey
- 2) Identifying Strengths, Needs, and Opportunities for Action among Diverse Asian American Communities
- 3) Libraries as Partners in Reducing Health Disparities

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Moderator: Shivonne Laird, PhD, MPH

Presenters: Harry Kwon, PhD, MPH, CHES
Nouf Bazaz
Annabelle Nunez, MA

Organizations: Stony Brook University, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, University of Arizona

C2. The Use of Information Technology in Disseminating Health Prevention Strategies

453-999-09-033-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

Information technology has emerged as a promising tool for reducing health disparities as the country moves towards the implementation of electronic and personal health records. This workshop will focus on understanding the relationship between health information technology and health disparities; identifying strategies and/or promising practices to improve adoption of Health Information Technology in underserved communities; improving the access to information on promising prevention practices in Indian Country; and information about organizations currently involved in increasing minority participation in HIT and about opportunities for participation.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) The Healthy Indian Country Initiative: Promoting Promising Tribal Prevention Programs in Indian Country
- 2) National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved: Public/Private Partnering to "Leave No Community Behind"
- 3) Effective Health Information Technology System for Reducing Health Disparity in Multi-Ethnic Populations

Moderator: Betty Sones

Presenters: Audrey Solimon, MPH
Russell Davis, DPA, MAPT
Alok Sarwal, PhD

Organizations: National Indian Health Board, Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion

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C3. Equipping Patients with Tools to Improve Outcomes

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Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

Improving patient provider collaboration contributes to improved patient outcomes. Recent advances in technology have provided opportunities for utilization by health systems, providers and consumers to improve patient provider communication and patient outcomes. During this workshop the panel will describe the use of the internet by consumers for anonymous access of information by Asian Americans related to depression; the use of personal health records to provide bidirectional communication between patient and provider to enhance self-management and improve medication related communication; and creating tools/assessments and audits to improve patient provider communication in the Hispanic population in diabetes management. At the end of the workshop participants will understand the value of using technology to improve patient provider collaboration/communication, as well as effective tools that can be used to improve patient outcomes.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Monitoring Patient Safety for Vulnerable Diabetes Patients Using Automated Telephone Self-Management Support
- 2) Reducing the Risk of Diabetes: Bringing Guidelines into Practice
- 3) A National Online Resource for Multi-Language Medication Instructions

Moderator: Margaret Korto, MBA

Presenters: Urmimala Sarkar, MD, MPH

Mario Belledonne, MD

Charles Lee, MD

Organizations: University of California, San Francisco, Diabetes Prevention and Kidney Care, Polyglot Systems, Inc.

C4. Using Culturally Competent Practices to Promote Healthy Life Styles

453-999-09-035-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This session will describe several approaches that use culturally competent practices to promote healthy life styles. These presentations will include the restoration of traditional culture to improve health in communities of Alaska Natives, a bilingual program that addresses childhood obesity in Latino communities, and a study of a one-stop shop model for inner-city adult day health centers.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Promoting Alaska Native Health through Cultural Restoration Best Practices in Designing Culturally Appropriate Health Care Services to Lessen the Health Disparity of Alaska Native Elders
- 2) Salsa, Sabor y Salud-Creating Healthy Lifestyles for Latino Families with Children ages 3-12
- 3) Incorporating the Use of Lay Health Workers in a Culturally Competent Model of Prenatal Care

Moderator: Cecilia Rivera Casale, PhD

Presenters: Kanaqlak (George) P Charles, PhD

Josephine Garza, BA, MA

Maria Mayzel, MPIA

Organizations: National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Elders, National Latino Children's Institute, Whitman Walker Clinic

C5. The Role of Community Health Centers and Community-Based Organizations in Improving Health Disparities

453-999-09-036-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

Community Health Centers along with community-based organizations are playing an increasing role in the provision of quality health care to medically underserved populations. This workshop examines how community health centers and community-based organizations are engaged in improving the quality of care for diverse racial and ethnic population groups.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) The Impact of Enabling Services Utilization on Health at Community Health Centers Serving Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders
- 2) Using the National Standards on CLAS to Assess Organizational Level CLAS: Six Years of Field-Based Lessons from Community Health Centers in California and New York
- 3) Addressing Disparities for Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities: Disseminating Community-Based Participatory Research through Community/Regional Convenings

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Moderator: Yvonne Owens Ferguson, PhD

Presenters: Hui Song, MPH

Felicia Batts, MPH

Peter Wong, BA, MPP

Organizations: Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Alliance for Community Research & Development, University of California, Los Angeles

C6. Cancer Strategies Making a Difference in the Community

453-999-09-037-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Anyone can develop cancer. Since the risk of being diagnosed with cancer increases as individuals age, most cases occur in adults who are middle-aged or older. The following workshop will examine three examples of cancer strategies that are making a difference in their communities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Perceived Quality of Supportive Care Services among Ethnically Diverse Cancer Survivors, their Families, and Support Networks
- 2) The Northern Plains Tribal Cancer Data Improvement Initiative (NPTCDI): Gaps and Strategies to Improve Cancer Data for the Northern Plains Native American Population
- 3) Colorectal Cancer Outreach and Screening in the Los Angeles Korean American Population

Moderator: Jeanette Noltenius, PhD

Presenters: Jennifer Erb-Downward, MPH

Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway, PhD

Parichart Sabado, BS, MS

Organizations: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of California, Los Angeles

C7. Models for Enhanced Patient Provider Interaction

453-999-09-038-L04P (K)

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

This session highlights how increased interaction between patients and providers can improve the health of patients. It will bring together a program to help patients

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manage their diabetes through monthly and, if needed, daily patient provider contact; a study designed to improve the health outcomes of African American children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) by including parent and provider input in decision making; and a study that measured the educational benefit of pediatric residents attending a lupus support group to determine how attendance will affect their attitudes and future care of teens with chronic disease.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Diabetes Rapid Access Program (D-RAP)
- 2) Utilizing a Lupus Teen/Parent Support Group for Pediatric Medical Education
- 3) Strategies to Address Disparities in the Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): A Qualitative Study

Moderator: Elton Naswood, MA

Presenters: Kenyatta Lee, MD

Jillian Rose, LMSW

Alexander Fiks, MD, MSCE

Organizations: University of Florida, Hospital for Special Surgery, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

C8. Thinking Outside the Box: Cultural Competency Workforce Initiatives

453-999-09-039-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will describe various means for addressing the serious health workforce shortage by addressing strategies for improvement. These strategies include examining the role of foreign trained health professionals, enhancing private and public partnerships to promote health equity, and utilizing the CLAS Standards to develop a workforce curriculum for health care leaders.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Integrating Foreign Trained Health Care Professionals into the Workforce to Decrease Health Disparities
- 2) Hispanic Health Initiatives
- 3) Providing Quality Health Care with CLAS: A Curriculum Tool Kit for Health System Leaders

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Moderator: Len Epstein

Presenters: Wilhelmina Holder, MD, CM, DTPH, MS
Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, CNM
Hendry Ton, MD, MS

Organizations: Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), Inc., Medical University of South Carolina, University of California, Davis School of Medicine

C9. Eliminating Diabetes Health Disparities: Research and Health Education

453-999-09-040-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

Racial and ethnic minority populations suffer from diabetes, its complications and its associated co-morbidities at disproportional rates. The three projects in this workshop point out the critical need to develop clinical research trials and disease management models that are culturally appropriate and inclusive of diverse racial and ethnic populations.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Project A-L-L: Reducing Disparities among Latinos and Improving Overall Health through a Diabetes Management Program
- 2) Project SuGar: Lessons Learned for Enrolling African American Families into Genetic Research
- 3) Evaluation of Culturally Appropriate Community Health Education on Diabetes Outcomes

Moderator: Iris Hunter

Presenters: Winston Wong, MD, MS
Ida Spruill, PhD, RN, LISW
Rosy Chang Weir, PhD

Organizations: Kaiser Permanente National Program Office, University of Iowa, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

C10. Minority Women's Health

453-999-09-041-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Even though minority women have many of the same health problems as white women, they are in poorer health. Minority women use fewer health services and suffer more from disease, disabilities, and early death. Many also face huge social,

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economic, and cultural barriers to having life-long good health. This workshop will examine health issues for women of color including Human Papillomavirus, HIV/AIDS and Lupus.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Human Papillomavirus and Genital Warts: Gathering Data from American Indian Parents on Beliefs and Level of Knowledge
- 2) Intergenerational Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention Education for Women Across the Lifespan Program
- 3) Unlocking the Mystery: Creation of an Awareness Campaign on Lupus

Moderator: Evelyn Kelly, MPH

Presenters: Felicia Hodge, DrPH

Lynne Chambers-Ketchens, MSW

Frances Ashe-Goins, RN, MPH

Organizations: University of California at Los Angeles, Chambers and Associates, LLC, US Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health

C11. Public/Private Collaboration: Is it Overrated?

453-999-09-042-L04P (K)

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

There is evidence that effective patient provider collaboration is essential in improving health care services. The purpose of this workshop is to highlight various initiatives that are examples of patient provider collaboration. At the end of the workshop participants will be able to cite examples of engaging policy makers, providers, and consumers to improve the health care services for racial and ethnic minority populations; to understand the importance of culture and cultural differences in patient provider collaboration; and know how to establish public/private partnerships to improve the quality of health care services for racial and ethnic minority populations.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) There is Room at the Table for Everyone: Creating Public-Private Collaborations
- 2) "Clearing the Air About Asthma in Schools"—An HISD Approach to "Steps to a Healthier US"
- 3) Accessing Rural Latino Populations in the Midwest through Collaboration

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Moderator: Mildred Hunter

Presenters: Lisa Stafford, BS

Teresa Blake, BSN, MPH

Alexia Eslan

Organizations: Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Hudson Independent School District, John Snow Research & Training Institute

C12. Knowledge to the People: Research Translation and Dissemination to Improve Local Health

453-999-09-043-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluation More Effectively

Research has made great advances in a number of areas, gaining knowledge about causal and disease pathways as well as successful or promising interventions. Yet the nation's health continues to lag behind that of other industrialized countries in a number of areas. The health of vulnerable populations lags behind even further. One of the major issues facing us in public health and especially in health disparities is how to get knowledge to the persons who can use it in an effective way. This workshop documents the experience of a number of efforts in translation of research knowledge so as to be usable and successful in the dissemination of that knowledge.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Disseminating Blood Pressure Control Treatment Guidelines and Best Practices to FQHCs: NIH Clinical Trials Meet the HRSA Health Disparities Collaboratives
- 2) Using Community-Based Participatory Methods to Prevent Tobacco Use in a Multi-Cultural Population
- 3) Utilization of Community-Based Participatory Research to Reduce Health Disparities in Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, and Filipino Older Adult Communities

Moderator: Gail Cherry-Peppers

Presenters: Jonathan Tobin, PhD

Hali Robinett, MPH

Alicia Eccles, MPH

Organizations: Clinical Directors Network, National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service, Special Service for Groups, Inc.

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C13. Workforce Development Issues: Experience and Training - Keys to Success

453-999-09-068-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop is dedicated to growing, improving and sustaining a viable health workforce that is ready to address the outstanding needs of minority and underserved populations. The presentations will examine the role and impact of formal workforce development programs, an E-learning curriculum to enhance cultural and linguistic competence, and a successful approach to incorporating immigrant health workers into the US healthcare system.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Office of Minority Health's Cultural Competency E-Learning Programs: Tools to Facilitate the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- 2) Building on Community Assets to Redress Health Workforce Disparities.
- 3) The Impact of an Internship Program in the Creation of a Competent Public Health Workforce

Moderator: Ahmed Calvo, MD, MPH

Presenters: Guadalupe Pacheco, MSW

Jose Ramon Fernandez-Pena, MD, MPA

Mariela Alarcon-Yohe, MPH

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, San Francisco State University, Directors of Health Promotion and Education

C14. Language Access: Challenges and Opportunities

453-999-09-022-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This session will examine three projects to address the issues of language access in health care. The presentations will include a study to better understand language access barriers and challenges, a project to identify promising methods of providing language services in pharmacy settings, and a glossary for HIV/AIDS-related terms.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Language Access: Challenges and Barriers to Providing Care to LEP Patients
- 2) The Language of Drugs: Language Access in Pharmacies
- 3) Glossaries, Translation Tools, and Other Bilingual Resources from AIDSinfo

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Moderator: Frederick Yee, MS, MBA

Presenters: Sharon Barrett, MS

Priti Patel, PhD

Silvia Villacampa, BA

Organizations: Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health ProfessionsNational Health Law Program, AIDSinfo

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D1. Building Capacity: Increasing Diversity in Health Professions

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The success of the health care system is dependent on qualified personnel. Access to care, quality of care and cost of care are all affected by the availability of properly educated and trained workers. Presenters in this workshop will discuss their own experiences in building capacity and the need to increase diversity in the health professions.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Hablemos en Familia: A Community Education Program to Reduce Disparities in Mental Health Care for Latinos
- 2) Representing Many Cultures: The Search for More Diversity in Recruiting Dental Hygiene Students through Area Health Education Center
- 3) Engaging Undergraduate Nursing Students to Participate in Reducing Health Disparity Gaps

Moderator: Kurt Sackerman, MS

Presenters: Sara Trillo Adams, MA, LMHC

Nancy Mann, MSEd

Adelita Cantu, PhD, RN

Organizations: Central Massachusetts Area Health Education Center, Inc., Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Indiana (IPFW), University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

D2. Diversifying the Next Generation of Health Professionals

453-999-09-044-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

The underrepresentation of minority health professionals in the health workforce impacts the ability of the health care system to address issues of minority health research, health disparities, and health policy advocacy. This workshop will focus on institutions of higher education's strategies and approaches to preparing underrepresented students for graduate school by establishing a coherent educational program in public health; providing internship opportunities for underrepresented minority students which combine research with coursework; increasing interest among underrepresented students in pursuing careers in public health; create and implement leadership programs, as well as lessons learned in sustainability; strategies to improve health workforce diversity; and a review of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities-National Resource Center for Substance

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Abuse and Mental Health Infrastructure Development model of promoting HBCU peer educators in mental health.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Leadership in Minority Health Policy
- 2) Empowering and Engaging Students on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Campuses as Leaders and Peer Educators in Mental Health: An Approach to Address Mental Health Disparities
- 3) The Public Health Sciences Institute: Training Underrepresented Minority Americans for Careers in the Public Health Sciences

Moderator: ReShone L Moore, PhD

Presenters: Joan Y Reede, MD, MPH, MBA

Gail Mattox, MD

Lailaa Bartley, BA

Organizations: Harvard Medical School, Morehouse School of Medicine

D3. Eliminating Health Disparities through Targeted Education and Training of Medical Providers

453-999-09-045-L04P (K)

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

Prevention of conditions such as Viral Hepatitis B (HBV) prenatal transmission, cervical and colorectal cancer is critical. Yet, despite national recommendations for routine screenings, many of these infections occur each year. Lack of awareness in the health care community is a major gap in eliminating these health threats. Doctor recommendations has also been consistently identified as a significant predictor of patient adherence to some targeted preventive screenings. This session will explore gaps in knowledge and practices among first-line providers who are key in implementing national strategies to eliminate these major health disparities. Improving provider knowledge is an important strategy in reaching Healthy People 2010 objectives.

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Low Hepatitis B (HBV) Knowledge Among Perinatal Health Care Providers Serving County with Nation's Highest Rate of Births to Mothers Chronically Infected with HBV
- 2) HPV Vaccines for Cervical Cancer Prevention: Dissemination Gaps

Moderator: Reverend Kenneth Jackson

Presenters: Stephanie Chao, MD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD

Organizations: Morehouse School of Medicine, Stanford University, US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

D4. Limited English Proficiency - Bridging Health Literacy Barriers

453-999-09-014-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present programs that focus on eliminating communication barriers among healthcare providers and patients. Specific programs and intervention will be presented which address issues of health literacy, language concordance, and health literacy of non-English speaking patients.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Bridging the Communication Gap Between Medical Providers and Patients
- 2) Language Concordance: From Research to Systems Change
- 3) Health Literacy and Limited English-Proficiency Immigrants: Improving the Health Status of Foreign-Born Immigrants Living in the United States

Moderator: Estelle Bowman

Presenters: Dodi Meyer, MD
Maria Carrasco, MD
Debora Freitas

Organizations: Columbia University, Kaiser Permanente, Center for Human Services

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D5. Reducing Health Disparities: Public and Private Models

453-999-09-047-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

Making progress toward the elimination of health disparities requires the involvement of all sectors of American society. The active participation and knowledge sharing of all stakeholders increases the likelihood of improved health outcomes. Presentations in this session will highlight efforts lead by public hospitals, academic researchers, clinicians and community-based groups to improve health care delivery, promote health literacy and reduce the burden of asthma in children.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Public Hospital Models of Reducing Health Care Disparities
- 2) A Multi-Tiered Health Literacy Model to Increase Minority Participation in Clinical Trials
- 3) The Harlem Children's Zone Asthma Initiative: From Home to School to Hospital – A Model of Community-Based Participatory Research

Moderator: Valerie Welsh, MPH

Presenters: Lindsey Marshall, MPP

Jack Denelsbeck

Benjamin Ortiz, MD

Organizations: National Public Health and Hospital Institute, AIDS Community Research Initiative of America, Columbia University Medical Center-The Affiliation at Harlem Hospital Center

D6. Technological Solutions to Health Disparities

453-999-09-032-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Health information technologies can be tools that help individuals maintain their health through better management of their health information. Health IT has the potential to help consumers gather all of their health information in one place so they can thoroughly understand it and share it securely with their health care providers so they get the care that best fits their individual needs. This workshop will discuss how health information technology is being implemented and considered for underserved communities

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Abstract Titles:

- 1) Asian Pacific American Community Network – Improving Accessibility for Diverse Pan Asian Languages in the Healthcare System.
- 2) Addressing Health Disparities through Partnerships Between Community Health Organizations & Technology Researchers
- 3) HIT and Health Disparities: An Unintended Consequence?

Moderator: David R Hunt, MD, FACS

Presenters: Steve Lu, BS

Andrea Grimes, BS

Armine Lulejian, MS, MPH, CHES

Organizations: Asian Media Access, Georgia Institute of Technology, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

D7. Building Leaders Through Youth Empowerment and Engagement

453-999-09-049-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn and discuss how community engagement can empower youth to address public health issues while improving health behaviors, creating policy advocates and local leaders. This workshop will also discuss the formation of strategic alliances in cities across the country - each focused on taking collective action to remove barriers and coordinate efforts that develop policies and programs that support healthy environment for children. A key discussion point is the development of health advocates and educators for healthy living.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Engaging Minority Youth in Healthcare Initiatives and the Healthcare Workforce
- 2) "The Power of Partnership"...A Childhood Obesity Prevention Collaborative
- 3) Health Education & Active Learning Academy: A National Youth Health Empowerment Initiative for African American Girls Ages 10-18

Moderator: Mimi Brown, MPH

Presenters: Christine Blue, BSDH, MS

Jenne Johns, MPH

Zaneta Brown, PhD

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Organizations: University of Minnesota, Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, BET Foundation, Inc.

D8. Cross-Cutting Cultural Competency Initiatives and Policy Implications

453-999-09-050-L04P (K)

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present cultural competency initiatives from an accreditation, state, and local perspective. The drivers that are promoting these nation-wide cultural competency policy initiatives, implementation frameworks, and projected impact of these initiatives will be discussed in this session as well.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care: Leadership Motivators, Hospital Accreditation Standards, and a Framework for Action
- 2) Leading The Way – California's Efforts for Cultural and Linguistic Services
- 3) Implementing CLAS: A Local Health Department's Journey

Moderator: Antoniette Holt, MPH

Presenters: Karen Lee

Ruben Cantu, BA

Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH

Organizations: The Joint Commission, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Suffolk County Department of Health Services

D9. Resources to Build Capacity for Health Disparities Policy and Advocacy

453-999-09-058-L04P (K)

Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

Creating tools that provide a common base of knowledge for researchers, communities and policy-makers is essential to making progress toward the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. Presentations in this workshop will address the need for such tools and provide examples of their use.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Different Kinds of Differences: Disparities, Inequities and Inequalities
- 2) From Politics to Parity: Using a Health Disparities Index to Measure the Efficacy of Health Legislation
- 3) Bridging the Gap Between Community and Research through the Power of Partnerships

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Moderator: Diane Adger-Johnson

Presenters: Ken Keppel, PhD

Bryant Webb

Melody Goodman, PhD

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Stony Brook University

D10. Empowering Adolescents for Better Health

453-999-09-059-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The opportunities of working with youth at an early age to establish positive health habits that last a lifetime should not be missed. This workshop will highlight the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) programs targeting adolescents such as Federally Qualified Health Centers, School Based Health Programs, Rural Health Programs, Maternal Child Health Programs, and Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education programs. It will also examine two local communities in Camden, NH and Montgomery County, MD who are successfully working with their youth to improve their health and well being. The workshop will share how local communities can provide outreach to adolescents in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner to empower them, enhance their quality of life and hopefully impact their health status.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Empowering Adolescents for Better Health: A HRSA Perspective
- 2) Relatively Deprived: Collaborating with Adolescents in High-Poverty, Urban Neighborhoods to Understand How They Promote, Maintain, and Restore Their Health
- 3) Creating and Maintaining a Latino Youth Program

Moderator: Ana Lopez, MSW

Presenters: Tanya Pagan Raggio-Ashley, MD, MPH, FAAP

Robert Atkins, PhD

Soraya Galeas

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC

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D11. Art of Strengthening Leadership in Health Disparities

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Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

This workshop will discuss ways in which leaders at all levels can work to improve direction and coordination of health disparities efforts, establish non-traditional partnerships, and advance a new agenda for addressing health disparities. Panelists will discuss standards and guidelines for the development of the public health workforce; strategies to increase knowledge on how capable, highly qualified public health professionals will help reduce health risks to service communities by having a continuous succession of leaders within public health organization. Participants will also learn how a community health worker model can serve as a tool for organizing communities, building capacity and leadership to develop health promotion programs and reducing health disparities, and gain insight on the development of a community health worker program in the Asian American populations.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Applying the Community Health Worker Model to Build Community Capacity and Leadership to Promote Health in Asian American Populations
- 2) Leadership Development Succession Planning: Strengthening Leadership within Health Organizations
- 3) Integrating Culturally Relevant Curricula for Healthcare Administration Leaders

Moderator: Frank Stevenson

Presenters: Rhodora Ursua, MPH
RW Hall, BA, MPH
Dawna Thomas, PhD

Organizations: Project AsPIRE, Chicago Public Schools

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E1. Town Hall: Strategies for Addressing Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities

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Track: INSTITUTE - Workgroup on Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Issues

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders experience significant disparities in health and healthcare. Collaborative development of cohesive national strategies for improving the health and well-being of communities characterized by increasing diversity and unique experiences that impact health and human service needs is imperative. A Town Hall discussion between key stakeholders including community leaders and federal partners will provide an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and highlight pertinent issues affecting these communities. Discussion topics include progress made towards reporting of data for AA and NHOPI populations, strengthening leadership and capacity building within NHOPI communities, and development of policies that provide greater access to culturally and linguistically appropriate resources and services for AA and NHOPI communities.

Moderator: Suganya Sockalingam, PhD

Presenters: Jacqueline Lucas, MPH

Secretary Joseph Villagomez

Kana Enomoto, MA

Deeana Jang, JD

Maile Tauali'i

Palama Lee, LCSW, QCAW

Organizations: Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum

E2. The Role of Legislatures in Adopting Statewide Initiatives to End Health Disparities

453-999-09-062-L04P (K)

Track: INSTITUTE - National Conference of State Legislatures

As the first and third leading causes of death, heart disease and strokes contribute to rising health care costs. In fact, one-third of the nation's population have some form of cardiovascular disease. In 2008, an estimated \$449 billion was spent on treatment and lost productivity. State governments pay a share of this for their state employees and Medicaid enrollees. Minority populations bear a disproportionate burden of death and disability due to cardiovascular disease. African American men, for example, are diagnosed with heart disease less often, but are 30 percent more likely to die from it than white men. African Americans also are more likely to have high blood pressure compared to their white counterparts and less likely to have it under

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control. A healthy lifestyle can prevent heart disease and strokes for most people. Controlling high blood pressure, cholesterol levels and diabetes reduces the risk of developing heart disease, specifically heart attacks and strokes. When people quit smoking, eat a healthy diet, are physically active and maintain an appropriate weight, their risk of heart disease and stroke significantly decrease. Legislators who have sponsored and successfully ushered a bill on health disparities into law and senior legislative staff that played a key role in the development of legislation will share their insights and experiences.

Moderator: Melissa Hansen

Presenters: Representative Peter J Koutoujian

Laura Tobler, MPP

Delegate Shirley Natham-Pulliam

E3. Healthy Marriage as a Social Determinant of Health: Linking the Relationship between Marital Status and the Health Outcomes for Adults and Children

Track: INSTITUTE – Increase Awareness and Research

This session will provide participants with an overview of the Administration for Children and Families' Healthy Marriage Initiative; and a discussion of the relationship between marital status and healthy behaviors for adults and children. The studies that will be highlighted include: 1) The Increasing Protection of Marriage and Infant Low Birth Weight Across Two Generations of African American Women; and 2) Stress, Marital Satisfaction, and Mental Health among African Americans.

Moderator: Dianne Dawson

Presenters: Carlis Williams

Debbie Barrington, MPH, PhD

Karen Lincoln, PhD

Organization: Administration for Children and Families, Columbia University, University of Southern California

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E4. Addressing American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities into the 21st Century

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Track: INSTITUTE - Tribal Consultation

Throughout history the Indigenous people of the Americas have experienced illnesses new to them, yet still they remain a vibrant part of the United States. This presentation will provide an overview of health conditions since contact with non-indigenous populations. According to federal, state, university and local statistics American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), experience higher rates of health conditions than the majority of mainstream and other ethnic minority populations. AI/AN rates of suicide, depression, cancer, heart disease, and diabetes are just a few examples. On the social services side, domestic violence, preventable injuries, accidents and homicide rank as high, if not higher, than other U.S. populations. As compensation for the taking of Indian lands, treaties and agreements were made with the federal government to provide on-going health care to AI/AN populations and this workshop will discuss the need to review funding levels and ways to ensure that care is of the highest quality and is accepted, validated, appreciated and understood by the indigenous population. Discussion will include ways to make AI/AN health disparities a team effort, whereby tribes become equal partners.

Moderator: Wilbur Woodis, MA

Presenters: Susan Cameron, PhD, FPCC

Rose Weahkee, PhD

Cara Cowan Watts, MS

Leo J. Nolan, III, MEd

Organization: Santa Fe Indian Hospital, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, US Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Council for Native American Affairs

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E5. Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

The Surgeon General's (SG) Roundtable is designed to address the specific health issues that impact the life expectancy and quality of life of the minority youth and young adults in the Nation. The primary purpose of this roundtable is to aid in reducing the risk of deaths due to co-morbidities related to diseases associated with obesity in youth. This session will provide information targeting students from schools in high risk communities in the National Capitol Region, will work to bring together adolescents to young college aged adults in structured and non-structured environments, and provide education and tools to help them recognize the primary dangers to obesity as well as educate students about self image, healthy eating, the importance of exercise, and the risk factors and complications of being overweight and obese.

Moderator: Sheila P Merriweather, MPH, CDR

Presenters: Steven K Galson, MD, MPH, RADM

Beverly Dandridge, MSN, FNP, MSAJS, CCHP, CAPT

Tiffany A Clarke, MPA

Vanessa Cavallero, MS, RD, LDN

Andy Baldwin, MD, Lt. US Navy

Organizations: Division of Immigration Health Services, Immigration Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security; National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBH); Action for Healthy Kids; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, US Department of Health and Human Services; Office of the Surgeon General

E6. Prevention, Health and Equity: A National Movement Breaking New Ground

Track: INSTITUTE - Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

Advancing health equity to ensure all Americans have the opportunity to lead healthy lives should be a national priority. Hundreds of thousands of people die annually in the United States from preventable illnesses and injuries. These illnesses and injuries disproportionately impact communities of color and lower wealth communities. Prevention is crucial to improving health and reducing inequities between racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and must be part of the solution to reform the US health system. Each year, our nation spends over two trillion dollars on health expenditures and approximately 96 percent of this is expended on medical

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services—treatment after the onset of illnesses and injuries. Much of the national discussion and research on health disparities has focused on differences in access to quality health care. Once people get sick or injured, affordable quality health care is vital, and some inequities in health outcomes are due to disparities in access to and quality of care. Nevertheless, access to health care only accounts for 15 to 20 percent of the variation in morbidity and mortality; other factors that determine health include environments and behaviors. Strategic investment and implementation of prevention strategies can address the underlying conditions that lead to death, illness, injury, and health inequities.

Moderator: Gail Christopher, PhD

Presenters: Linnea Ashley, BS

Larry Cohen, MSW

Brian Smedley, PhD

Organizations: Prevention Institute, Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

E7. Model Collaboration in HIV/AIDS Outreach and Prevention

453-999-09-065-L04P (K)

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

While prevention efforts have managed to reduce the number of new HIV infections each year, an estimated 56,300 Americans are newly infected with HIV. This workshop will describe three models of collaboration in the outreach and prevention of HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day, discuss how the St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA engaged its community partners, and discuss the strategies used to target communities of color for the National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) A Process Evaluation of the National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day (NCHTAD)
- 2) HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community - Advocating for a National Strategy to End the Health Care Disparity
- 3) Advocacy, Awareness and Access: Engaging Community Partners to Provide HIV Outreach and Testing to Vulnerable Populations in Philadelphia.

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Moderator: Stephen Perez, RN, MS

Presenters: Laurine Thomas, PhD

James Albino, BA

Barbara Bungy, MPH

Organizations: Howard University College of Medicine- Caribbean Clinical Preceptorship, Hispanic Federation, DUCOM/St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

E8. Strengthening Community for Sustained Leadership

453-999-09-066-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

Community leadership is that which involves influence, power, and input into public decision making over one or more spheres of activity. The leadership skills include those necessary for public decision making, policy development, program implementation, organizational maintenance and sustainability. This workshop will discuss models designed to serve as a viable resource in helping communities face social and economic change at all levels across racial and ethnic communities; promote the development of creative and innovative partnerships in leadership development; empower communities to strengthen leadership capacity and program development through mentorship. In addition, participants will learn strategies to engage youth living in public housing communities, to increase awareness/understanding of the health needs of special populations/public housing residents, and increase the capacity of minority school leaders to provide resources and information to parents and students.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Eliminating Health Disparities in Public Housing Residents - Challenges Faced by Special Populations
- 2) Together We Stand: A Shared Vision to Change the Course of Childhood Obesity in African-American and Latino Communities
- 3) Mentorship to Strengthen Leadership in Asian American and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivorship

Moderator: Charlene Ortiz

Presenters: Villie Appoo

Sharon Adams-Taylor, MA, MPH

Roxanna Bautista, MPH, CHES

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Organizations: North American Management, West End Medical Centers, American Association of School Administrators, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

E9. Strategies to Improve Patient Education and Health Literacy to Promote Better Patient/Provider Interaction

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Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

This session will equip providers and clinicians with the tools to identify and more appropriately address the health literacy levels of patients. Discussion will focus on introducing new and existing health literacy assessment tools to measure the literacy level of patients so that education materials can be created or adapted that will be easily understood by patients. In addition, information will be shared about a database that includes quality multilingual and multicultural health education materials to better address the needs of refugee and immigrant populations.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Diabetes HEALTH MATTERS: Diabetes Health Education, Adapted Literacy Training, Health Care Materials and Electronic Resources
- 2) Health Literacy Assessment in Teens with Perinatal HIV Infection Using the REALM Test (Rapid Estimate of Adult Literacy in Medicine)
- 3) Expanding Access to Culture and Language Appropriate Information: Users Can Recommend Trusted Documents and Other Information for Inclusion in the RHIN Database.

Moderator: Kermit Payne, BFA

Presenters: Michelle A Roett, MD, MPH

Ninad Desai, MD

John Scott, MS

Organizations: Georgetown University-Providence Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, Kings County Hospital Center, Center for Public Service Communications

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E10. Methodologic Issues for Racial and Ethnic Data Collection

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Track: Coordinate and Utilize Research and Outcome Evaluations More Effectively

Despite the rapid growth of many segments of the American racial and ethnic minority population, little or no data are available to provide accurate estimates of the incidence and prevalence of morbidity and mortality. This lack of data exacerbates provision of needed health services and inhibits documenting and monitoring progress toward addressing health disparities. Discussed in this session are examples of different methodologic approaches taken to improve data collection and use in reducing health disparities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Historical and Methodological Issues on the Collection of Disaggregated Data in Asian American Populations
- 2) FirstAccess: Reducing Health Disparities by Increasing Access to Community Driven Outreach and Safety Net Programs through Data Collection Methodology and Systems Change
- 3) Use of Health Disparities Measures in Describing Disparities in HIV/AIDS: A Systematic Review

Moderator: Irene Dankwa-Mullan, MD, MPH

Presenters: Nadia Islam, PhD

Linda Harte, MBA

Ranell Myles, MPH

Organizations: New York University Center for the Study of Asian American Health, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

E11. Integrated Service Learning Models

453-999-09-070-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

During this workshop experienced practitioners will share their creativity and expertise regarding the effectiveness of integrated multi-disciplinary service learning projects in communities designed to build capacity to reduce work-related disparities in health and injury; access to prevention and treatment programs for low-income minority children and families; and gain practical knowledge to identify community needs and develop advocacy strategies to address disparities in health. Participants

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will be provided with assessment tools and practice strategies for the integration of service learning models in their respective community.

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- 2) A Referral Model for Establishing Community-Based Childhood Obesity Intervention
- 3) Justice is Healing: The Health Justice Campaign for Southeast Asians in the Bronx, NYC

Moderator: Owen Quinonez

Presenters: Pietra Check, MPH

Lisa Pullen Davis, PhD, MSPH

Chhaya Chhoum

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence: Organizing Asian Communities

E12. Innovative Evaluation Strategies to Improve Outcomes

453-999-09-070-L04P (K)

Track: Strengthen Leadership at All Levels

Evaluation and research are integral to programs aimed at eliminating health disparities. A panel will discuss innovative evaluation strategies for improved outcomes including identification of objectives, evaluation strategies, data collection. This workshop will also describe approaches to build and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving minority populations.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Designing Evaluation into Health Disparity-Reduction Programs
- 2) A Healthy Healing Community: A Study of Inner-City Adult Day Health Centers
- 3) Washington Adventist Hospital: Helping Others Breathe Better

Moderator: Elizabeth Williams, PhD

Presenters: Susan Philliber, PhD

Stephane Howze, MPA

Sonja Williams, BS

Organizations: Philliber Research Associates, Harlem United Community AIDS Center

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E13. Strategies for Building Health Knowledge and Awareness Among Women

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

This session will highlight health initiatives which have effectively increased knowledge, awareness of prevention strategies and services, and comfort level in conversing about health issues among women. Participants will learn how these evidence-based methods impact the health and perceptions of women, as well as the importance of developing appropriate materials for underserved populations, such as incarcerated women.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Community Collaborations to Empower Patients and Providers
- 2) Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness: Fostering Patient-Provider Relationships
- 3) Women's Health and Incarceration: Curricular Development with the Woman at the Center

Moderator: Henry Ocampo, MPH

Presenters: Debra Kilpatrick, BA

Lt. Morrisa Rice, MHA

Serita M. Reels, MPH

Organizations: The BET Foundation, Health Resources and Services Administration, Drexel University College of Medicine

E14. Exploring and Utilizing Culturally Competent WEB-Based Tools and Technologies in Addressing Health Disparities

Track: Improve Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Delivering Health Services

This workshop will present technology applications that are being used for enhancing and increasing the ability of health care providers in providing culturally competent service delivery. Specific web-based tools will be presented that can be used for increasing the cultural competencies of health care providers, producing quality health education materials, and an organizational cultural competency assessment for increasing organizational effectiveness.

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- 2) Web Technology and High Quality Diabetes Education Materials for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders
- 3) The COA360: A Tool for Assessing Cultural Competency of Health Care Organizations

Moderator: Theresa Watkins-Bryant, MD, FACP

Presenters: Ann Kenny, MPH, RN, BSN

June Kim, MPH

Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD

Organizations: SRA International, Inc., US Department of Health and Human Services, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

E15. Stopping Discrimination Before It Starts: The Impact of Civil Rights Laws on Healthcare Disparities - A Medical School Curriculum

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Medical school students are typically exposed to cutting-edge treatment technologies, but are rarely made aware of Federal civil rights laws that impact the institutions where they practice. This curriculum uses case-based scenarios to explore the role of physicians with respect to potential violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in healthcare settings. US Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Office for Civil Rights partnered with the National Consortium for Multicultural Education to develop the curriculum, which was piloted at the American Association of Medical Colleges' annual meeting and was recently presented at Wake Forest University's School of Medicine. Through role-playing and discussion during an extensive hypothetical exercise, participants will not only learn about possible discriminatory actions under Title VI, but will also become aware of the role of DHHS' Office for Civil Rights in addressing health disparities resulting from discrimination; learn what to do when Title VI violations occur; and gain new appreciation for the role physicians can play as leaders in the battle to raise awareness of healthcare disparities caused by discrimination.

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Moderator: Wilma Tilson, MPH

Presenters: Clarence H. Braddock III, MD, MPH, FACP

Sheila M. Foran, JD

Kenneth D. Johnson, JD

Organizations: Stanford University School of Medicine, US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights

E16. Effective Communication Strategies towards Preventing Viral Hepatitis and Maintaining a Healthy Liver

Track: Increase Awareness of Health Disparities

Hepatitis viruses disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority populations. Effective culturally and linguistically appropriate educational and awareness messages are critical towards preventing a serious disease that can lead to chronic liver diseases, including cirrhosis and cancer. This session will introduce innovative communications approaches towards prevention of hepatitis A, B, and C, including effective communication techniques to motivate individuals at risk and an ethnically targeted awareness campaign that leverages partnerships with media, government and private-public entities.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) Fired Up For Prevention from the Inside Out
- 2) The Jade Ribbon Campaign: An Ethnically Targeted Awareness Campaign to Fight Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer
- 3) Assessment of Peer-to-Peer Testimonials on Film: Leveraging Local Media in Response to HIV/AIDS Disparities in Metropolitan Atlanta

Moderator: Michelle DeBose, PhD, MS, RN

Presenters: Thelma Thiel, RN

Stephanie Chao, MD

Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH

Organizations: Hepatitis Foundation International, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Morehouse School of Medicine

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E17. Patient Navigation: Implementing Successful Patient-Provider Communication Systems to Improve Access to Care

Track: Enhance Patient-Provider Communication

Racial and ethnic minorities in the United States disproportionately experience financial barriers and lower rates of health care coverage. As a consequence, individuals and families lacking a consistent source of medical care often have difficulty managing chronic diseases and rely on safety-net provider clinics and emergency room visits. This session will introduce innovative patient-provider collaborative interventions that address local health and communication systems barriers towards improving access to primary care services, reducing avoidable emergency department visits, and improving chronic disease case management in vulnerable communities through the United States and US Virgin Islands.

Abstract Titles:

- 1) A Health Care Access Strategy to Eliminate Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization by the Uninsured
- 2) Managing Chronic Disease: Challenges in Eliminating Disparities: "Promoting Healthy Families Initiative"
- 3) The Science of Patient Navigation: Approaches, Strategies and Lessons Learned

Moderator: Lisa Thompson-Dyson, MA, LCPC

Presenters: Maria Triantis, MBA, ANP, BSN

Barbara Lee-Jackson, MPH

Desiree Rivers, PhD, MSPH

Organizations: Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Inc., Virgin Islands Perinatal Incorporated, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute

E18. Never on My Watch Again! Joining Forces to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities

Track: Strengthening Leadership at All Levels

Nearly two years ago the death of young Deamonte Driver from a brain infection that originated in the oral cavity alerted the nation to the silent but persistent epidemic of oral health disparities, and widespread failure of the public health infrastructure. Death from oral infection is a sad commentary in 21st Century America, hence with aim to invoke the entirety of primary care and public health professionals this dynamic special session describes disproportionate suffering of preventable oral diseases and conditions among low-income, vulnerable, and racial and ethnic

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minority populations; and the integral connection between oral health and general health across the lifespan. Lively and informal, you will leave with clear understanding that it's not just a dental thing through increased awareness of oral health disparities among school-age children and key medical-dental relationships shared by periodontal (gum) disease and cardiovascular insult, diabetes, pre-term delivery, low birth weight; and mother-to-child transmission of infectious oral bacteria. Your sense of the economic toll that oral health disparities impose on our already overburdened health care system will be heightened as well, along with appreciation for the critical need to join forces in strengthening leadership, legislation, and integration of effort at every level of the public health infrastructure to eliminate inequities and disparities in oral health.

Moderator: Arlene M. Lester, DDS, MPH

Presenters: Edecia A. Richards, RN, MSN

Gina Thornton-Evans, DMD, MPH

Conan C. Davis, DMD, MPH

Scott L. Tomar, DMD, DrPH

Jay Anderson, DDS, MPH

Organizations: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, Region IV, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Title of Presentation: **Public Policy and Practice Issues in Mental Health with Hispanics: Overview of State and National Efforts and Strategies for Creating Change**

Henry Acosta is the Executive Director of the National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health, an outgrowth of the award-winning and nationally and internationally recognized Changing Minds, Advancing Mental Health for Hispanics program which Mr. Acosta directed since its inception. Mr. Acosta is also the Deputy Director of the New Jersey Mental Health Institute, Inc., an organization founded by the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc. As Director of the National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health, Mr. Acosta aims to address the nationwide lack of availability of, access to and the provision of quality mental health services for Hispanics, and to heighten awareness, acceptance and understanding of mental illness among the Hispanic population. Mr. Acosta earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Montclair State University, a Masters of Arts in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology from William Paterson University and a Masters of Social Work in Administration, Planning and Policy with Children and Families from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He is currently pursing a Doctorate in Social Work in Social Policy Analysis and Administration at Rutgers University.

Alyce S. Adams, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Closing the Health Data Gap: Best Practices from an Indigenous Controlled Research Process**

Alyce S. Adams, PhD, is a Research Scientist at the Division of Research (DOR), Kaiser Permanente Northern California. Her work examines determinants of healthcare disparities among insured populations. Her primary research areas of interest include: Understanding and reducing racial and ethnic disparities in symptom management (e.g., pain) and outcomes in managed care; evaluating the impact of coverage changes on disparities in access to clinically efficacious therapies among Medicaid and Medicare enrollees with disabilities; and contributing to the advancement of disparities research methods (e.g., data collection, longitudinal data analysis). Dr. Adams is currently leading an evaluation of the impact of prior authorization for new use of antidepressants in Michigan Medicaid on medication use and health outcomes among dual Medicaid and Medicare enrollees with disabilities. Prior to joining DOR, Dr Adams was on faculty at Harvard Medical School, where she continues to hold an appointment as an adjunct lecturer. She has reviewed community-based participatory and translational research grants for the National Institutes of Health and has received mentoring awards from Harvard Medical School and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. She earned a PhD in Health Policy at Harvard University and her postdoctoral training at the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

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Sara Trillo Adams is the Director of the Latino Mental Health Project at Central Massachusetts Area Health Education Center, Inc. Ms. Trillo Adams possesses over 20 years of professional experience in clinical counseling, program development and training. She has a history of successfully building collaborations to address community needs and currently serves on several advisory boards including the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Commonwealth's Children's Behavioral Health Initiative Advisory Council and the State Mental Health Planning Council. Ms. Trillo Adams completed her undergraduate education at St. John's University and received a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Anna Maria College. She is a member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association and the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association.

Sharon Adams-Taylor, MA, MPH

Title of Presentation: Together We Stand: A Shared Vision to Change the Course of Childhood Obesity in African-American and Latino Communities

Sharon Adams-Taylor joined the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) in 1990 as director of the association's Options for Pre-Teens program, a school-based primary prevention and youth development program in three urban school districts. Before coming to AASA, Adams-Taylor was a senior program associate with the Children's Defense Fund, where she coordinated CDF's adolescent pregnancy prevention clearinghouse. She also provided state and local technical assistance around adolescent issues and developed and managed a national coalition of youth and education organizations focused on positive outcomes for young people. Adams-Taylor's extensive background in training and research includes leadership positions with the University of North Carolina's Child Health Outcomes Project and the Resource Access Project, where she coordinated training and technical assistance for 178 Head Start grantees in six states, and fellowships at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Adams-Taylor holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University, a Master of Public Health Degree in Maternal and Child Health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a Master of Arts degree from the Catholic University of America.

Mariela Alarcon-Yohe, MPH

Title of Presentation: The Impact of an Internship Program in the Creation of a Competent Public Health Workforce

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James Albino, BA

Title of Presentation: HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community-Advocating for a National Strategy to End the Healthcare Disparity

James joined the Hispanic Federation in June 2008. Prior to joining the Federation James was the Associate Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at the National Minority AIDS Council (Washington, DC) one of the nations largest minority based organization focused on HIV/AIDS issues in 2006. There he rapidly incorporated his seasoned and passionate vigor for the rights of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, especially Latino's into the fabric of the organization. Working in the Government Relations and Public Policy division James was afforded the opportunity to bring the embattled issues of the HIV/AIDS community in Puerto Rico to a national forum. In collaboration with other organizations James spearheaded the effort for a Congressional Hispanic Caucus briefing on the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Puerto Rico followed shortly by securing important support from seventeen members of that body and several US Senators including an impassioned letter from Senator Hilary Clinton. Further, James has endeavored to consolidate the efforts of dozens of national organizations and Puerto Rico based individuals affected/infected with HIV/AIDS to help form a unified voice of dissent against the lethargic, ineffective and even discriminatory policies of both the local and federal government agencies that purport to provide patients services. He facilitated the development of a national Latino agenda by hosting, through NMAC, the first Latino reception to discuss the issue. He followed that by developing the program for the Latino Institute during the 2007 United States Conference on AIDS.

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Ayodola Anise, MHS

Title of Presentation: Findings from the Massachusetts Health Plan Assessment on Race/Ethnicity/Language Data Collection, Reporting and Use

Ayodola Anise works on activities related to the High Value Health Care Project, supporting the activities related to the Racial/ethnic Equity in Health Care Initiative. The project focus is on addressing direct data collection and indirect estimation of race/ethnicity to improve the quality of health care for minority populations. Prior to joining the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Ms. Anise worked as a Senior Associate for The Lewin Group, a health care research and consulting firm, and as a Project Coordinator for a CDC funded longitudinal study of women experiencing intimate partner violence at Georgetown University. Ms. Anise has experience working with low-income and minority populations, conducting qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, and performing evidenced-based literature reviews. Ms. Anise earned a Master's in Health Science from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in English writing with a Minor in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh.

Villie Appoo

Title of Presentation: Eliminating Health Disparities in Public Housing Residents - Challenges Faced by Special Populations

Villie M Appoo has over 30 years experience in various leadership capacities with community based organizations, with the last 24 years at the Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers in St. Louis. Villie has a solid background in community health, quality improvement, program design/development, government relations, fundraising/grant writing, public relations and regulatory compliance. In her capacity as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, she was responsible for fostering collaborations at the Federal, State and local levels and for the development of numerous innovative community-based programs and support services. Villie was responsible for developing and implementing the Health Care for the Homeless program as well as the Public Housing Primary Care program at Grace Hill.

Stephen Aragon, PhD, MHA

Title of Presentation: The Provider Patient-Centeredness and Disparities Outcome Measurement Initiative

Stephen Aragon, PhD is an Associate Professor of Healthcare Management and Measurement, School of Business and Economics, Winston Salem State University. He is principal investigator of the Provider Patient-Centeredness and Disparities Outcome Measurement Initiative, a 5-year NIH grant that focuses on reducing disparities for minority patients, women, and children and revealing how the patient-centeredness of health providers affects outcomes. Dr. Aragon is also a Research Fellow at The Sheps Center for Health Services Research, UNC. Prior to his academic service Dr. Aragon was a hospital Chief Executive Officer, where he developed The Primary Provider Theory, a

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generalizable theory of how the patient-centeredness of health providers affects their care behavior and their patients' outcomes. Dr. Aragon also developed Oregon's first Physician-Hospital Organization (PHO) and received the Donald MacNaughton Award for Excellence in Healthcare Leadership.

Dr. Aragon serves on boards, makes national and international presentations, and consults in health management and measurement. Recently he represented the Department of Homeland Security, Directorate of Science and Technology as a special awards judge at the Intel International Science-Engineering Competition. Dr. Aragon also serves on the Research Council of the NIH-NCMHD Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities, WSSU. Dr. Aragon earned a PhD from The University of North Carolina and a MHA from The George Washington University. He serves as an Adjunct Graduate Professor, Department of Research Methodology, UNC and an Adjunct Associate Professor, Hypertension and Vascular Disease Center, WFU School of Medicine. Dr. Aragon is a recipient of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's National Research Service Award.

Carol Arnold, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: **Coming of the Blessing: A Perinatal Education Tool for American Indian and Alaska Natives**

Carol Arnold, PhD is a long time volunteer for the March of Dimes and has worked with American Indian and Alaska Native families since 1998 helping to create culturally appropriate prenatal education programs for the community. She is the current Chair of the March of Dimes West Region American Indian and Alaska Native Women's Subcommittee. This committee of women was responsible for creating the prenatal booklet "The Coming of the Blessing". Dr. Arnold is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University. She has been teaching maternal child health nursing for 18 years.

Frances E Ashe-Goins, RN, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Unlocking the Mystery: Creation of an Awareness Campaign on Lupus.**

Frances E Ashe-Goins is Deputy Director for the US Department of Health and Human Services(DHHS), Office on Women's Health where she is responsible for the day-to-day operation of OWH, the formulation of policies and activities related to women's health. She has a diverse background in clinical health care and public health education. Mrs. Ashe-Goins has served as the Director of the Division of Policy and Program Development and was responsible for numerous women's health issues to include HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, lupus awareness, diabetes, organ/tissue donation, minority women's health issues, and international health issues, such as female genital cutting issues, regional women's health coordinators programs. Mrs. Ashe-Goins also initiated the OWH Lupus Educational Awareness Project which culminated in a National Capitol Hill Town Hall seminar. Out of this effort, local community educational program

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were developed. She is collaborating with the Ad Council in the development of a national lupus awareness campaign. Mrs. Ashe-Goins performance and expertise have been acknowledged through many DHHS Secretary and Assistant Secretary Awards for Superior Service. In addition, she earned The Balm in Gilead's Janet Mitchell, MD, Women Health Award and the 2008 South Carolina Woman of Achievement Award in Health and Well-being. Mrs. Ashe-Goins received a MPH in Health Education from the University of South Carolina in 1980.

Linnea Ashley, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Prevention, Health and Equity: A National Movement Breaking New Ground**

With previous work experience focused on marginalized populations both nationally and internationally, Linnea joined the Prevention Institute in October 2007. Linnea supports Prevention Institute's work across a number of content areas. She also assists in the coordination of the organization's media advocacy activities, including the Rapid Response Media Network. As a graduate intern she worked with the Louisiana Public Health Institute on a nutrition initiative. In 2006, as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in New Zealand, she worked with the Centre for Health Services Research and Policy on evaluations of health projects targeting Pacific Island populations. Prior to that she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in South Africa with projects on education and HIV/AIDS training, and was a reporter at several newspapers. She received her Masters in Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans and her BS in Journalism from Florida A&M University.

Diane Ashton, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Increasing Genetic Literacy in Underserved Populations to Improve Health and Reduce Health Disparities: The Consumer Genetics Education Network (CGEN) Project**

Diane M. Ashton, MD is the Deputy Medical Director of the March of Dimes. Her focus at the foundation is the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign, which seeks to raise public awareness of the growing problem of prematurity and help reduce the rate of premature birth. She is the co-Principal Investigator of the "Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait" demonstration project and the Principal Investigator for the Consumer Genetics Education Network. Dr. Ashton also holds appointments as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the State University Hospital of Brooklyn at Downstate, and is the Director of Service for Women's Health in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Kings County Hospital Center, in Brooklyn, New York. Previously, she served as Medical Director of the Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning for the New York City Department of Health.

After receiving her Undergraduate degree in Biology from New York University, Dr. Ashton received her Medical Degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York, and completed her clinical training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. Dr. Ashton earned a Master's in Public Health from the Columbia University School of Public Health. Dr.

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Ashton is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a member of the National Medical Association and the New York Gynecologic Society.

Dr. Ashton has published papers on topics in obstetrics and gynecology, including the care of high risk women in pregnancy.

Robert Atkins, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Relatively Deprived: Collaborating with Adolescents in High-Poverty, Urban Neighborhoods to Understand How They Promote, Maintain, And Restore Their Health**

Robert Atkins, PhD research addresses theory and practice for improving the life chances of children and youth living in high-poverty, urban neighborhoods. This interest grows from his experiences in Camden, one of America's poorest cities, and from his experience as a school nurse, a director for a public health initiative and as the founder of a youth development program. Dr. Atkins' research with nationally representative longitudinal survey data illuminates the effects of urban poverty on child and adolescent development. Dr. Atkins' current work explores four questions about the development of youth living in high-poverty neighborhoods: 1) What social and institutional processes mediate the relationship of high-poverty neighborhoods to the health and well-being of youth living in those neighborhoods? 2) How does stress influence personality development in childhood? 3) How does childhood personality influence the emergence of risky and health-damaging behaviors in adolescence and young adulthood? 4) What do youth in high-poverty neighborhoods do to promote, maintain, or restore their own health?

Cheryl Ausein-Casnoff, MPH

Title of Presentation: **A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities**

Cheryl Ausein-Casnoff joined the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as Associate Administrator for Health Information Technology in September 2005. Ms. Ausein-Casnoff manages Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Health Information Technology, which promotes the adoption and effective use of HIT among safety-net providers and populations. Since the December 2005 creation of the office, Ms. Ausein-Casnoff has overseen the award of almost \$40 million in new telehealth and health center network grants. In addition, she has led OHIT's efforts to build enhanced technical assistance capabilities through web sites and toolkits. Before joining HRSA, Ms. Ausein-Casnoff was director of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from 1998 to 2005. She was instrumental in the design and implementation of the program, which provides insurance for low-income children. Prior to CMS, Ms. Ausein-Casnoff was Director for Public Health Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) and a budget analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget. Ms. Ausein-Casnoff earned a Master of Public Health in

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Health Services Administration from the Yale Medical School Department of Epidemiology and Public Health and has a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences from Northwestern University.

Andy Baldwin, MD, Lt. US Navy

Title of Presentation: **Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable**

US Navy Lieutenant Andy Baldwin, MD, 31, is an Undersea Medical Officer, Ironman triathlete, Navy Diver, and humanitarian currently stationed in Washington, D.C. at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. In January 2009, Dr. Baldwin began working with the US Surgeon General and his "Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future" initiative to combat childhood obesity. Andy's public persona as a TV celebrity on network television and the star of ABC's hit show "The Bachelor: Officer and a Gentleman" has transcended into a commitment to humanitarianism through his practice of medicine. His public presentations focus on the value of service to humanity. He has earned the Humanitarian of the Year award from *Triathlete* and *Competitor* magazines for his participation on a military mission in Laos, where he treated more than 600 Laotians in remote mountain villages. As the founder of Got Your Back Network (www.GotYourBackNetwork.org), Andy has been able to launch a non-profit program to raise money to support the brave families of the service men and women who gave their lives while serving their country. The fund proceeds generated from Andy's Got Your Back initiative, an in-process 501(c)(3) accredited organization, will fund an endowment to provide financial support for applicant families: education, emergencies and medical miracles. Got Your Back's work with the families of fallen soldiers will bring smiles to their faces and joy in their hearts.

Sharon E. Barrett, MS

Title of Presentation: **Language Access: Challenges and Barriers to Providing Care to LEP Patients**

Sharon E Barrett, MS has over thirty years of leadership in public, nonprofit and private sectors in the areas of administration, program development and public health practice. Ms. Barrett retired from the Federal Public Health Service in 2003. In her last position, she was the Director of Minority and Women's Health in the Bureau of Primary Health Care in the Health Resources and Services Administration. She currently consults on issues concerning minority and women's health, primary care, health literacy, language access and cultural competency. She is a staff consultant to the Association of Clinicians to the Underserved (ACU) providing consultation and expertise to improve the skills of primary care clinicians promoting and working with underserved populations. She has also served as the Principal Investigator on two studies for ACU: one examining health literacy practices of safety net providers and the other examining language access issues in primary care settings. Ms. Barrett is an active member of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Roundtable on Health Literacy and is a member of the DHHS Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts. She received her

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Masters of Science at Columbia University's School of Social Work and is currently completing her Doctorate of Public Health at Morgan State University's public health program.

Debbie Barrington, MPH, PhD

Title of Presentation: Healthy Marriage as a Social Determinant of Health: Linking the Relationship between Marital Status and the Health Outcomes for Adults and Children

Debbie Barrington earned her MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University in 2000, and her PhD in Epidemiologic Science in 2005 from the University of Michigan where she was a fellow at the Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health and the Center for Research in Ethnicity, Culture and Health. Dr. Barrington has research interests that focus on 1) the multi-level and intergenerational socioeconomic determinants of black-white disparities in reproductive and perinatal health within the US, and 2) the social determinants of the health of Afro-Caribbean women and their descendants within the US and UK. Her dissertation examined the socioeconomic conditions of two generations of African-American and White women following US Civil Rights legislation, and assessed the contribution of intergenerational socioeconomic factors on present-day racial disparities in infant low birth weight. Her current work as an RWJ H&SS scholar examines the effects of socioeconomic and psychosocial factors such as racial discrimination on the health of black women within the Caribbean diaspora.

Lailaa Y. Bartley, BA

Title of Presentation: The Public Health Sciences Institute: Training Underrepresented Minority Americans for Careers in the Public Health Sciences

Lailaa Y. Bartley is a 2008 graduate of Columbus State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology with a Minor in Philosophy. She is currently enrolled as a first year Master of Public Health (MPH) student in the Health Education and Promotion track at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. She also works as a graduate research assistant at Morehouse College's Public Health Sciences Institute (PHSI) and as a public health fellow at the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. Ms. Lailaa's role at PHSI includes literature reviews and research on topics related to training underrepresented students in public health, writing for various projects, and providing guidance for undergraduate interns employed by the institute. Her research interests include teenage and women's reproductive health, infectious diseases, and the health of the homeless.

Felicia Batts, MPH

Title of Presentation: Using the National Standards on CLAS to Assess Organizational-level CLAS: Six Years of Field-based Lessons from Community Health Centers in California and New York

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Roxanna Bautista, MPH, CHES

Title of Presentation: Mentorship to Strengthen Leadership in Asian American and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivorship

Roxanna Bautista, MPH, CHES is currently the Chronic Diseases Program Director at the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF). APIAHF is a national health and policy advocacy organization with the mission to enable Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders (AAs & NHPIs) attain the highest possible level of health and well-being. Ms. Bautista manages APIAHF's cancer survivorship programs within the Chronic Diseases Program. She has seven years experience working with AA & NHPI community based organizations in building their organizational capacity to address cancer survivorship and tobacco control in their specific communities. She has worked with multicultural and priority population partners in the fields of cancer survivorship and tobacco control. She has experience in developing and providing capacity building assistance and convening workshops, trainings, meetings, and conferences. She holds advisory, steering, and board roles on the California Tobacco Control Alliance, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Asian American and Pacific Islander National Advisory Council (AAPINAC), California Department of Public Health Council on Multicultural Health, the California Dialogue on Cancer (CDOC) Survivorship and Treatment Team, and the California Breast Cancer Research Program. Ms. Bautista obtained her Bachelor of Science from University of California, Davis and her Masters in Public Health at Loma Linda University.

Julie Bawa, MPH

Title of Presentation: Identifying Strengths, Needs, and Opportunities for Action among Diverse Asian American Communities

Julie Bawa spearheaded the efforts in the development of the Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI) of Montgomery County, Department of Health and Human Services. As Program manager of AAHI, Ms. Bawa develops and implements health programs that meet the needs of the Asian American community. She is responsible for planning, developing, directing and evaluating of all programs under AAHI as well as oversight of fiscal management. Formerly, Ms. Bawa coordinated and managed the Cancer Awareness, Education and Screening program for underserved, low-income Asian Americans in Montgomery County. Ms. Bawa has extensive knowledge and experience working and collaborating with the diverse Asian American communities. She advocates for programs that aims to increase access quality healthcare services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for Limited English Proficient communities. Ms. Bawa also serves on numerous national, state, and local boards addressing minority health and elimination of health disparities. Ms. Bawa completed her undergraduate studies with a dual Health and Business Administration and earned a Master's degree in Public Health from Northern Illinois University.

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Mario Belledonne, MD

Title of Presentation: **Reducing the Risk of Diabetes; Bringing Guidelines into Practice**

Mario Belledonne, MD early years of his research career involved ammonogenesis during chronic metabolic acidosis and in hypertension. Later he became involved with dialysis and chronic renal failure clinical research. Over the past 10 years, Dr. Belledonne has been working with pharmacy industry, sponsored clinical trials and in the practice of nephrology, mainly related to anemia, hypertension, and diabetes. His current research focus is in the study of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system in the progression of diabetic nephropathy and its down regulation with the use of vitamin D receptor activator. In addition, Dr. Belledonne is working in the development of a non-profit organization geared to the prevention of diabetes and the treatment of diabetic nephropathy to abrogate the progression to end stage renal disease.

Tricia B. Bent-Goodley, PhD, MSW

Title of Presentation: **Addressing the HIV and Domestic Violence Disparities Among African American Women.**

Tricia Bent-Goodley, PhD is Professor of Social Work and Chair of the Macro Sequence at Howard University, which focuses on policy, community and administrative practice. Her publications and research have largely focused on issues of violence against women and girls and how it intersects with disparities in health and mental health, community and faith-based initiatives and the criminal justice system. Dr. Bent-Goodley is the author/coauthor of three books in the area of social policy and people of color. She has served distinctly in several local, state and national elected and appointed leadership positions and is regularly called upon to consult on a wide range of issues. She is a member of the Council on Social Work Education Council on Leadership Development and the National Association of Social Workers National Committee on Women. Dr. Goodley is a HIV Intervention Science Training Fellow, a member of the Prince Georges County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, an Evaluator of a citywide teen dating violence initiative, and a former Hartford Family and Child Scholar. Prior to coming to Howard University, she was a county administrator and clinician in child welfare and family violence in New York. Dr. Goodley earned a PhD in Social Policy, Planning and Analysis from Columbia University and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania.

Estrellita Berry, MA

Title of Presentation: **A Blueprint for Successful Community Engagement and Mobilization: A Review of Florida's Black Infant Health Practice Initiative (BIHPI)**

Estrellita "Lo" Berry serves as the Project Director and Principal Investigator for the federally funded Central Hillsborough County Federal Healthy Start Project (CHHS) and state funded "Closing the Gap Project for The Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies" at the University of

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South Florida (USF). At CHHS, Ms. Berry has provided guidance for ten years to a community based program whose primary goal is to promote and facilitate community engagement and mobilization to improve the conditions contributing to Black infant birth problems and deaths. Ms. Berry has extensive involvement in creating, developing and implementing culturally inclusive programs that service high-risk families. Ms. Berry is currently contracted by Northside Mental Health Center as a licensed residential therapeutic foster-parent and is involved with the East Tampa Social Service Education Initiative and Victory Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Future Youth Entrepreneur Program. She served on several boards including the Boards of Hillsborough Kids, Inc., National Healthy Start Association, and March of Dimes, Florida Bay Division. She is co-author of several journal articles including Journal of Addictive Diseases, Journal of Research in Criminal Delinquency, Journal of American Psychiatric Nurses Association and Maternal and Child Health Journal.

Teresa Blake, BSN, MPH

Title of Presentation: Clearing the Air About Asthma in Schools: An HISD Approach to Steps to a Healthier US

Teresa Wright Blake is the Asthma Project Manager for HISD, work with school children on the East and South side of Houston. Ms. Wright is a registered nurse specializing in pediatrics has worked with children who have chronic illnesses ranging from Cancer to Asthma. Ms. Blake's goal is to help children and their families understand that health is the number one priority in their lives, and with insurance, education and local resources, this is the direction toward a better health care status. Ms. Blake's work at HISD, as a school district, through a CDC grant, touch the lives of many underserved, minority children and their families who deal with asthma. In collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, who will provide parent teaching, and environmental assessments; the Children's Defense Fund, who will help insure many families in order to assess the medical clinic; and with TCH who will provide local clinics, HISD will partner to bring a coordinated system approach to tackling asthma management in the HISD school system/community. This multi-faceted community approach, will not only involve the children, but the families and communities. Ms. Blake received her MPH from CUNY Graduate Program in 1994.

Christine Blue, BSDH, MS

Title of Presentation: Engaging Minority Youth in Healthcare Initiatives and the Healthcare Workforce

Christine Blue is the Interim Director, Division of Dental Hygiene at the University of Minnesota. Ms. Blue has a proven interest in the use of technology to enhance learning. The CD-ROM instructional program she developed for teaching head and neck anatomy to dental hygienists, dental assistants and dentists is used by students at the University of Minnesota, as well as at other learning institutions. Her contributions were recognized in 2002 when she was awarded the Michael J. Loupe Teacher of the Year Award for Excellence and Innovation in Dental Education. Ms. Blue is a 2007

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recipient of the ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline Teaching Fellowship. Ms. Blue is currently the Chair of the Dental Hygiene section of the American Dental Education Association. Her research interests include motivational interviewing, faculty calibration and student learning styles and dental workforce models. Ms. Blue earned her BSDH and MS in Dental Hygiene from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Clarence H. Braddock III, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Stopping Discrimination Before It Starts: The Impact of Civil Rights Laws on Healthcare Disparities - A Medical School Curriculum

Dr. Braddock received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, his M.D. degree from University of Chicago, internal medicine training in the US Navy and his MPH in Health Care Ethics from the University of Washington. He came to Stanford in 2003, as Director of "Practice of Medicine," a new curriculum effort at Stanford to integrate ethics, professionalism, evidence-based medicine, doctor-patient communication, and clinical practice into the first two years of the medical school curriculum. Dr. Braddock has several roles in the School of Medicine, including that of Associate Dean, Medical Education; Associate Chair, Organizational Improvement, Department of Medicine, and Medical Director for Quality (Medicine), Stanford Hospital and Clinics. Dr. Braddock is also a Faculty member in the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, and is a leader in collaborative ethics education and research endeavors with colleagues at the center, as well as an active participant in the development of a master's degree program in biomedical ethics. He is an active member of the ethics consultation service at Stanford University Medical Center, and has been involved in the practice and teaching of clinical ethics consultation for ten years. He is currently funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to lead a coordinating center of eighteen medical schools, developing curriculum in cultural competence and healthcare disparities. He also has an active general internal medicine practice at Stanford, and teaches in the medical school and internal medicine residency programs.

Zaneta Brown, PhD

Title of Presentation: Health Education & Active Learning (HEAL) Academy: A National Youth Health Empowerment Initiative for African American Girls Ages 10-18

Zaneta Brown, PhD is a Community Nutritionist with expertise in creating, implementing, and evaluating strategies to reduce health disparities among African Americans. She has developed and implemented national and local communications outreach initiatives for the US Department of Health and Human Services as well as other public-and private-sector clients. Dr. Brown has a special interest in issues that address the nutritional health disparities of minorities, fueled by her struggles with weight. Her work is dedicated to public health policy and nutrition programs that produce healthy outcomes for African Americans.

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Currently, Dr. Brown serves as the Program Manager of the Weight-control Information Network, a service the National Institutes of Health which provides science based health information on weight control, obesity, physical activity, and related nutritional issues. She also created and oversees the Health Education & Active Learning (HEAL) Academy of the BET Foundation. The program is an after-school nutrition and fitness education program for African American girls, which empowers them to become health advocates for policy changes in their schools, families and neighborhoods. Dr. Brown holds a PhD in Nutritional Sciences from Howard University. She is an active member of the American Dietetic Association, American Public Health Association, American Society for Clinical Nutrition, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Society for Nutrition Education; and the Society for Public Health Education.

Barbara Bungy, MPH

Title of Presentation: Advocacy, Awareness & Access: Engaging Community Partners to Provide HIV Outreach & Testing to Vulnerable Populations in Philadelphia

Barbara L. Bungy, MPH, received her BA in Psychology from Rowan University and her Master's Degree of Public Health from Drexel University. She is currently employed by Drexel University College of Medicine as the Outreach & Testing Coordinator for the Pediatric/Adolescent HIV/AIDS Program that resides at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She is responsible for developing and managing relationships with community partners such as churches, schools, domestic violence agencies, youth detention centers and homeless shelters to raise awareness about the HIV epidemic in Philadelphia and to implement the counseling and testing program at their facility. In addition, she provides interactive and age-appropriate HIV education and prevention workshops during testing events. Furthermore, Barbara has been working on a research project about HIV education and testing awareness, advocacy and access for residents from five homeless shelters within Philadelphia. She has presented her finding at the 12th Annual United States Conference on AIDS and the 2008 Pennsylvania Public Health Association Conference.

Sepheen C Byron, MHS

Title of Presentation: Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives

Sepheen C Byron is an Assistant Director in the Performance Measurement Department at National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). She leads internal and external advisory panels in order to inform measures development. Ms. Byron focuses on measures in the area of preventive services. Ms. Byron's current project aims to create measures for comprehensive well-child care. In addition to her measures work, Ms. Byron works closely on an initiative to produce a new evaluation program that will assess the capabilities of organizations to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and reduce health care disparities. Prior to joining NCQA, Ms. Byron was a research analyst in the Center for Outcomes and Evidence at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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(AHRQ), US Department of Health and Human Services. At AHRQ, Ms. Byron conducted research on the effectiveness and efficiency of health services and used findings to promote evidence-based decision-making. She worked primarily in the areas of clinical economics and health care disparities. Specific projects included the National Health Care Disparities Report and the Research Initiative in Clinical Economics. Ms. Byron received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and her Master of Health Science from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Adelita Cantu, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: Engaging Undergraduate Nursing Students to Participate in Reducing the Health Disparity Gap

Adelita G Cantu, PhD is a junior research faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio School of Nursing. Dr. Cantu's research interests include the initiation and maintenance of physical activity and healthy lifestyles in older Mexican American women. Dr. Cantu's dissertation research examined the sociocultural context of physical activity in older Mexican American women who are sedentary. She also looked at this same issue with a group of physically active older Mexican American women. Currently Dr. Cantu is involved in secondary data analysis to see if her conceptual framework of the importance of learned resourcefulness is essential not only to the initiation but the maintenance of physical activity. In addition Dr. Cantu is involved in two federally funded projects that promote the recruitment and retention of pre nursing students by partnering with a local liberal arts university as an advisor to pre nursing students, particularly at-risk minority students, as well as conducting an elective course aimed at increasing the awareness of the expectations of nursing school among pre nursing students. The second program is a nursing school student mentoring program that encourages nursing students to provide support to their peers towards academic success. Dr. Cantu teaches two courses in the School of Nursing aimed at increasing the awareness of cultural competency and health disparities among undergraduate nursing students: Cultural Aspects of Nursing and Health Disparities and Care of Minority and Vulnerable Populations.

Ruben Cantu, BA

Title of Presentation: Leading The Way: California's Efforts for Cultural and Linguistic Services

Title of Presentation: Building a Multicultural Movement for Health Care Reform

Ruben Cantu serves as Program Director at the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN), responsible for the development and implementation of program initiatives and activities to inform and support CPEHN's statewide health policy efforts. Before joining CPEHN, Mr. Cantu worked for the Human Rights Campaign and the National Minority AIDS Council, both in Washington, DC. Most recently, he was Senior Program Specialist and Project Director at Mosaica: The Center for Nonprofit Development and Pluralism where is managed two national projects: The Leadership Campaign on

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AIDS and the evaluation of the National HIV Testing Mobilization Campaign, both for the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Cantu is a graduate of the University of Houston, earning a BA in English. He has over 12 years of non-profit experience in program management, technical assistance and capacity building, and HIV prevention and care. He also has extensive experience in organizational development, including resource development, strategic planning, and Board development.

Rita Carreón, Senior Manager

Title of Presentation: Utilizing Data to Identify Disparities and Improve Quality Among Health Plan Enrollees

Ms. Rita Carreón is Senior Manager of Clinical Strategies at America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). Ms. Carreón manages AHIP's chronic care initiatives, leads its Addressing Disparities in Health (ADH) initiative and staffs AHIP's disparities advisory task force. AHIP's work on disparities aims to increase awareness of the influence of race, ethnicity, and primary language on health outcomes; collaborate with other stakeholders to develop tools and resources for evidence-based research and practices; and develop effective strategies that help contribute to reducing inequity across the health care system and improving access to affordable and quality health care for all Americans. AHIP is the national association representing nearly 1300 members providing health benefits to more than 200 million Americans. Prior to joining AHIP in 2003, Ms. Carreón managed a CDC-funded Latina Breast and Cervical Cancer Program at the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., a collaborative partnership with the Edward R. Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology. She has also served as Interim Director for Maternal and Child Health at the National Council of La Raza prior to working with NACHC. Ms. Carreón has over ten years experience in working with multiple stakeholders to improve access and the quality of care for culturally diverse populations. Ms Carreón earned a Bachelor Degree in Community and School Health Education and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration, with an emphasis on Latino Health, from California State University at Long Beach, California.

Olivia Denise Carter-Pokras, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Center on Health Disparities at Adventist HealthCare: A local Approach to Address Disparities

Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, College of Health and Human Performance, University of Maryland College Park. Dr. Carter-Pokras has conducted health disparities research in the Federal government and academia. Her research has mainly focused on the intersection of epidemiology and health policy to address Latino health and children's environmental health. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Maryland College Park, Dr. Carter-Pokras was an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine where she

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currently serves as adjunct faculty. Dr. Carter-Pokras served as Director of the Division of Policy and Data, Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Carter-Pokras has been recognized by the Surgeon General, Assistant Secretary for Health and Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association for her career achievements to improve racial and ethnic data and develop national health policy. Dr. Carter-Pokras is the Principal Investigator for a NHLBI cultural Competency and Health Disparities Academic Award at the University of Maryland. She is currently conducting health assessments of Latinos in Baltimore and Montgomery County in close partnership with local government and community-based organizations. Dr. Carter-Pokras is an elected fellow, and elected member of the Board of Directors for the American College of Epidemiology, and elected member of the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association.

Vanessa Cavallaro MS, RD, LDN

Title of Presentation: Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable

Vanessa Cavallaro MS, RD, LDN serves as a Senior Program Manager with Action for Healthy Kids. In this capacity she provides technical assistance to Action for Healthy Kids State Teams in the Northeast region, as well as overseeing the pilot program of Game On! The Ultimate Wellness Challenge. She provides direction and guidance on several other Action for Healthy Kids programs including the national expansion of the Students Taking Charge advocacy program and the development and release of the recently released report *Progress or Promises? What's Working For and Against Healthy Schools*. Before joining the national staff, Vanessa served as co-chair for the Massachusetts Team for over three years. Vanessa's career has been dedicated to children's health promotion, specifically to childhood obesity prevention in schools. In her role at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Vanessa led the expansion of a middle school-based grant program to over 100 schools throughout Massachusetts. In this role she developed, coordinated, implemented and evaluated training programs for school staff, students, and parents. Topics included implementing district wellness policies; the link between nutrition and physical activity and academic performance and health; school policy change including food service, vending and fundraising; curriculum training (Planet Health); school wide promotions and after school programs. Vanessa completed her dietetic internship and graduate work in Nutrition Communication and Nutrition Science at the Tufts Medical Center and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston. She is recognized leader in the American Dietetics Association having served on the board of the Nutrition Entrepreneurs Dietetic Practice Group. In 2009 she will serve as President of the Massachusetts affiliate. Vanessa was the first recipient of the Susan T. Borra Fellowship in Nutrition Communication from the American Dietetic Association Foundation and

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received the 2008 Presidential Citation from the Massachusetts Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. In 2005 she was awarded the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year in Massachusetts from the American Dietetic Association.

Stephanie Chao, MD

Title of Presentation: Low Hepatitis B (HBV) Knowledge Among Prenatal Health Care Providers Serving County with Nation's Highest Rate of Births to Mothers Chronically Infected with HBV
Title of Presentation: The Jade Ribbon Campaign: An Ethnically Targeted Awareness Campaign to Fight Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer

Stephanie Chao, MD serves as a Program Officer at the Asian Liver Center at Stanford University. Prior to attending medical school, she also served as the Asian Liver Center's Program Manager from 2001-2002. Dr. Chao conceptualized and designed the Jade Ribbon Campaign to fight hepatitis B and liver cancer. Under her guidance, the Asian Liver Center launched its Jade Ribbon Campaign in the California Bay Area. Dr. Chao has published and presented on hepatitis B and liver cancer, including at the annual meetings of the American Public Health Association, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, International Symposium on Predictive Oncology, and the World Transplant Congress.

Dr. Chao received her BS from Stanford University and her MD from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is currently a General Surgery Resident at Stanford Hospital Clinics.

Guillermo Chacon

Title of Presentation: The National Latino/Hispanic AIDS Action Network: Successfully Organizing Service Providers, Community Activists and Consumers to Develop a Latino AIDS Agenda

Guillermo Chacon is the Vice President at the Latino Commission on AIDS where he has worked for the past 12 years, promoting sound national healthcare policy with a distinct focus on issues related to HIV/AIDS, access to care and social justice. Mr. Chacon has a long history of working with faith based organizations and ensuring their participation in HIV/AIDS advocacy. A prominent leader and community organizer, Mr. Chacon has been recognized at the national level for his dedication to disenfranchised populations and his community organizing.

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Lynne Chambers-Ketchens, MSW

Title of Presentation: Intergenerational Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention Education for Women Across the Lifespan Program

Lynne M Chambers- Ketchens, is the Principal Consultant and Founder of Chambers and Associates, LLC, a firm that specializes in program development, training, conference/event planning and marketing. Ms. Chambers-Ketchens has developed and implemented a curricula "The Sojourner Project" using a cross-generational approach for HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education for African-American Women, and is a member of the DHHS/Office of Women's Health HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategies Workgroup. The firm has also conducted many successful events around awareness days, and social marketing campaigns. Ms. Chambers-Ketchens has been a recipient of the "Takin' It to the Streets" Red Ribbon Award from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Ms. Chambers-Ketchens earned a Masters of Social Work from Southern Illinois University, and is a Fellow of the National African American Women's Leadership Institute.

Teresa Chapa, PhD, MPA

Title of Presentation: Reducing Disparities in Mental-Physical Co-Morbidities: Precursors, Manifestations, Consequences and Integrated Care

Dr. Teresa Chapa serves as the Senior Policy Advisor for Behavioral Health for Minority and other underserved populations with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health. Her current areas of focus and development include primary and behavioral healthcare integration and mental health disparities elimination, building a minority mental health pipeline, and the state of Hispanic mental healthcare.

From 2007-2008, Chapa was awarded an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) from the US Department of Health and Human Services to Mental Health America (MHA). She served as a member of the senior executive leadership team, in the role of special advisor to MHA's CEO and President. Her principal focus was on behavioral health disparities for racial and ethnic minority and other underserved populations, and in this capacity, established and implemented organizational solutions for improving diversity and eliminating disparities for racial and ethnic minority and other underserved populations. Dr. Chapa served as Director of Policy and Data for the Office of Minority Health where she led the way for making Minority Mental Health a part of the overall health and health disparities agenda. She authored a policy brief titled: Mental Health Services in Primary Care Settings for Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and brought key issues and recommendations to the attention of the HHS Office of the Secretary. She worked as a Federal coordinator and facilitator for the Surgeon General's Workshop on Women's Mental Health, and continues to represent the Office of Minority Health as the Federal Partner for the Mental Health Transformation and other targeted committees. Prior to joining the Office of Minority Health, Dr. Chapa held several leadership positions within HHS including serving as the first Chief of the Office of Extramural

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Research for the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities the National Institutes of Health, and as Special Expert to the Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in areas of cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and mental health disparities for minority and underrepresented populations. She created the first Center-wide advisory committee on CLC initiated, guided numerous minority mental health projects and grants, and assisted in the development of the Supplemental report of the Surgeon General, Mental Health: Culture, Race and Ethnicity.

(Kanaqlak) George P. Charles, PhD

Title of Presentation: Promoting Alaska Native Health Through Cultural Restoration Best Practices in Designing Culturally Appropriate Health Care Services to Lessen the Health Disparity of Alaska Native Elders

(Kanaqlak) George P Charles, PhD is Director of the National Resource Center (NRC) for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders. Dr. Charles supervises the administrative functions of the NRC and implements the recommendations from the Joint Advisory Committee. Dr. Charles is research faculty with the University of Alaska Anchorage in the College of Health and Social Welfare. Dr. Charles was previously an Assistant Professor in the Rural Development Program and the Alaska Native Studies Department at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dr. Charles earned a MA in Religious Studies, Native American Religious Traditions in 1997 from the University of California Santa Barbara, and a Doctorate in Religious Studies, Native American Religious Traditions from the University of California Santa Barbara in 2000.

Pietra Check, MPH

Title of Presentation: Beyond Networking: Building Capacity to Reduce Occupational Health Disparities on the US-Mexico Border

Pietra Check, MPH, joined the Office of Health Communication at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in January 2007. She received her MPH from Columbia University in Population and Family Health and has worked in a variety of settings, ranging from a rural community-based organization in Puerto Rico to the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. This background has provided Ms. Check with a broad perspective on public health and injury prevention, which she now applies to the occupational safety and health world, where she works to improve the safety and health of all workers in the United States. She contributes to a number of projects, including a partnership to develop a construction-safety storyline and public service announcement for a prime-time Spanish language soap opera and the development of a capacity-building initiative on the US-Mexico border. She is also the communication lead for NIOSH's Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry Sector Program.

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Chhaya Chhoum

Title of Presentation: **Justice is Healing: The Health Justice Campaign for Southeast Asians in the Bronx, NYC**

Tiffany A. Clarke, MPA

Title of Presentation: **Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable**

Tiffany A Clarke joined the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC) in January 2007, as Program Associate. As a Program Associate to the Programs and Practice Division, Tiffany assists in the development of national, state, regional, and web-based conference(s)/trainings/tools related to school-based health care delivery. Tiffany is a native of the Washington Metropolitan area. Before coming to NASBHC, Tiffany worked for as a Research Analyst for both the Vision Council of America and Partnership for Prevention. She earned her BA degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, in Political Science with a minor in Legal Policy, and a concentration in writing and in May 2006, she received a Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in Public Policy and Management from Bowie State University. Tiffany spends her free time volunteering for the Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization as the Director of the Youth Steering Committee. She has been the Director for six years and an active participant for ten.

Chari Cohen, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Hepatitis B and Reduced Health Care Access in Asian Immigrant Communities in Philadelphia**

Ms. Chari Cohen is Senior Research Associate and Senior Program Manager of the Hepatitis B Foundation. Ms. Cohen has almost 10 years experience designing and implementing hepatitis B outreach and education programs. As part of the public health research team, Ms. Cohen has played a key role in designing the public health research priorities, developing projects to achieve these goals, and serving as a national liaison with HBF partners. Ms. Cohen earned a MPH in Community Health Education at Temple University School of Public Health, and is now enrolled in a PhD program at Drexel University School of Public Health.

Larry Cohen, MSW

Title of Presentation: **Prevention, Health and Equity: A National Movement Breaking New Ground**

Larry Cohen, MSW, Prevention Institute founder and Executive Director, has been an advocate for public health and prevention since 1972. An important focus of his work has been to develop local policies that support health and wellness and spur legislation at the state and federal levels. He was the founding director of the Contra Costa County Prevention Program, which is recognized for its

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systems approach in bringing together county health agencies and community service organizations. While at Contra Costa County, he formed the first coalition in the nation to change tobacco policy, engaging the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association in the nation's first multi-city smoking ban. The coalition successfully passed local anti-smoking ordinances and served as a catalyst for other statewide and national efforts including smoking bans on airplanes and restrictions in public places, restaurants, and workplaces. In addition to playing a key role in tobacco policy, Mr. Cohen established the Food and Nutrition Policy Consortium, whose work led to a county food policy and helped catalyze the nation's food labeling law. He also helped shape strategy to secure passage of bicycle and motorcycle helmet laws, strengthen child and adult passenger restraint laws, and establish fluoridation requirements in California. Mr. Cohen also participated in a series of Focus Forums across the country, in which Prevention Institute gathered regional input to shape national injury prevention strategy for SafeUSA. He served as co-principal investigator of Partnerships for Preventing Violence in collaboration with the Harvard School of Public Health. Mr. Cohen has trained and written nationally on primary prevention of gender violence including. He also helped to define violence as a preventable, public health issue, and developed one of the nation's first courses on violence prevention at the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health. He has created tools and frameworks to help communities develop effective prevention strategy, including the Spectrum of Prevention. He received his Masters in Social Work from the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Kathryn L. Coltin, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives**

Kathryn L Coltin, MPH is Director, External Quality Data Initiatives at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Wellesley, Massachusetts and an independent consultant in quality measurement and reporting. Since 2000, Ms. Coltin has led Harvard Pilgrim's initiatives to collect and use data on members' race, ethnicity and language to identify and reduce racial/ethnic disparities in health care. She was a member of the National Quality Forum's Workshop on Measuring and Reporting the Quality of Health care for Minority Populations in 2001. She has served as Harvard Pilgrim's representative to the National Health Plan Collaborative on Reducing Racial/Ethnic Disparities since 2004. In 2007, she served on the Massachusetts Medicaid Disparities Policy Roundtable on designing performance incentives for reducing racial/ethnic disparities in the MA Medicaid program. She currently serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Finding Answers: Disparities Solutions for Change" program, the Sounding Board for the Disparities Solution Center at Massachusetts General Hospital, the Race/Ethnicity Data Collection Expert Panel of the Massachusetts Health Care Quality and Cost Council and the NCQA Cultural and Linguistic Access Standards Advisory Committee. Ms. Coltin has also served on several national advisory committees in the area of health care performance measurement and reporting, including AHRQ's National CAHPS Advisory Committee, CMS's Technical Expert Panel for the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey

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and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Committee on Performance Measurement. She currently serves on NCQA's Technical Advisory Group on performance measures. She was a member of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for eight years, chairing its Quality of Care Workgroup. She is currently consulting to Massachusetts Health Quality Partners and Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative on the design of a quality data warehouse and reporting system for physicians based on data from electronic health records and to the Massachusetts Health Care Quality and Cost Council on the expansion of their consumer website for comparing provider performance on cost and quality measures. Ms. Coltin holds a Masters Degree in Public Health from Boston University. She completed Pre-Doctoral course work in the Joint Program for Advanced Studies in Health Policy of Boston University and Brandeis University under a fellowship from the Pew Memorial Trust.

Leslie Curtis, MA

Title of Presentation: Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better: A Community-based Obesity Awareness Program for Black Women

Leslie Curtis directs, coordinates, and manages the multiple tasks of the Weight-control Information Network. She also facilitates the development, review and maintenance of WIN's science-based materials and information on obesity, portion control, physical activity, and related topics. Ms. Curtis supports and initiates various outreach and promotional strategies to communicate with diverse audiences and groups. Ms. Curtis also provides budget oversight and analysis for the contract.

Conan Davis, DMD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Never on My Watch Again! Joing Forces to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities

Conan Davis currently serves the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as the Chief Dental Officer. He functions as the focal point on oral health matters in the Agency and works collaboratively with both the Center for Medicaid and State Operations and the Center for Medicare Management on oral health issues. Dr. Davis currently represents CMS on the ADA Dental Code Revision Committee and the ADA Dental Content committee, the NIH Interagency Working Group on TMJ disorders and the dental advisory panel to NCQA on the HEDIS dental measure. He also serves as a member and advisor to many committees and advisory panels. He is also a liaison to the dental professional community for CMS, participating in national dental meetings and has represented CMS at several national forums on oral health. Previously, he served as the American Dental Association's Congressional Fellow in 2001-2002. He worked with the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee through the office of Senator Tim Hutchinson (R-AR). He prepared background materials for Senator Hutchinson and for Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL), who served as Ranking Member, for the Children's Oral Health Improvement Act Hearing. He additionally served the Alabama Medicaid Agency as their State Dental Consultant, and was appointed to the Alabama Governor's Commission on Welfare Reform and the Governor's Domestic Violence Advisory

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Committee. He has also previously worked in private dental practice and served in community and public health dental clinical facilities. Dr. Davis is a member of the American Dental Association, an associate member of the Medicaid and SCHIP Dental Association and of the American Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, a previous Congressional Fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) through the ADA and is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists.

Lisa Pullen Davis, PhD, MSPH

Title of Presentation: A Referral Model For Establishing Community-Based Childhood Obesity Intervention

Lisa Pullen Davis, PhD, MSPH, is an Associate Research Scientist and Project Director at the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She received her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was trained as a health behaviorist. She has expertise in community-based research, minority health, diabetes, qualitative and quantitative methods, and training multiple groups including health care professionals, lay health advisors, community members, and students. She currently is the Project Director for the Kids Eating Smart and Moving More and has served as Project Director for LINC Primary Care Core Project, part of a multi site randomized trial designed to prevent childhood obesity funded by Get Kids in Action. Dr. Pullen Davis is responsible for managing multiple project tasks focusing on pediatric obesity including evidence-based reviews, data collection measures and protocols, intervention development, training design and facilitation, establishing linkages between academia and communities, and evaluation. She has received several awards for her effectiveness in the field of public health and has experience working on interventions in various settings.

Mitchell Davis, MBA, BS

Title of Presentation: Growing Leadership Down Home: Lessons-Learned From The Minnesota Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative

Title of Presentation: Minnesota's Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative: Exemplary Programs Build on Cultural Values and Strengths

Mitchell Davis, Jr. serves as Director of the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health. The Office covers approximately 15 percent of Minnesota's population and oversees health work with specific focus on American Indians and Populations of Color. A key cornerstone of the Office is to reduce health disparities through programmatic solutions grounded in community asset strategies and interventions. As Director, Mr. Davis serves as liaison on health disparity issues to state, local and tribal government leaders, as well as interest groups and the community/public; providing leadership, advice and assistance, cultivating new ideas, while growing relationships with all sectors and segments of the community. Before joining the Minnesota Department of Health, Mr. Davis served in business consulting, directed the Children's Wellness Project at the Minneapolis

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Foundation, and held management positions at North Memorial Healthcare and the Minnesota Hospital Association. He has participated in numerous health policy initiatives and civic engagement activities. Mr. Davis has spent many years working on the inter-relationship between public health concerns within faith-based organizations, community based organizations, immigrant populations, medical institutions and private non-profit organizations. Mr. Davis is an advocate for the roles that culture; race and ethnicity play in public health and the delivery of health and human services.

Russell J. Davis, DPA, MAPT

Title of Presentation: **National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved: Public/Private Partnering to “Leave No Community Behind”**

Dr. Davis is President of Summit Health Institute for Research and Education (SHIRE) a nonprofit 501(c) (3) corporation, predicated on the premise that community empowerment is fundamental to producing the individual and group changes in lifestyle behaviors that are the ultimate hope for achieving the goals of zero disparities and 100% access as espoused by *Healthy People 2010*. Dr. Davis has been providing quality health care for nearly four decades. He spearheaded the creation of the multi-disciplinary Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the College of Allied Health Professions at Howard University Health Center from 1959 to 1976; and he led the development of a hybrid HMO/Community Health Center located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1976 to 1981. Dr. Davis is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University; he earned his M.A. plus Certificate/PT from New York University and his D.P.A. from George Washington University. As president of SHIRE, Dr. Davis has engaged in areas of investigation that relate to cultural competence, equitable health access, the cost-effectiveness of health promotion, and the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities through community empowerment. These initiatives have been funded by the US Office of Minority Health, foundations, and corporate entities.

Diann Dawson, JD, MSW

Title of Presentation: **Healthy Marriage as a Social Determinant of Health: Linking the Relationship between Marital Status and the Health Outcomes for Adults and Children**

Diann Dawson serves as the Director of the Office of Regional Operations within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), US Department of Health and Human Services. A senior level director and principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary regarding field operations, she provides leadership and direction to ACF's ten regional offices responsible for federal oversight and implementation of more than 60 human service programs to promote the well-being of children and families. Those programs include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Care, Child Support Enforcement, Head Start, Foster Care and Adoption, Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Welfare, and Runaway and Homeless Youth. Dawson is the recipient of numerous awards including

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the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service which recognizes outstanding achievement by members of the Senior Executive Service. She has been instrumental in helping ACF work to strengthen and rebuild families through the Healthy Marriage Initiative. Dawson also provided the leadership to create the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative (AAHMI) along with her executive staff in 2003, laying the foundation of a national family strengthening movement for African Americans. Ms. Dawson received her JD degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and Maryland. She holds a MSW degree with a concentration in community organization and social planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA from Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Hazel D. Dean, ScD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases

Hazel D Dean, ScD, MPH, is currently the Deputy Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As NCHHSTP Deputy Director, Dr. Dean works along with the director to oversee all of CDC's work related to the prevention, control and elimination of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB in the United States, as well as CDC's Global AIDS Program, an implementing partner of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Throughout her more than two decades of work in the public health field, Dr. Dean has contributed significantly to the development of national and international strategies for using HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STD, and tuberculosis (TB) program, surveillance, and scientific data to guide prevention and care program planning and to address infectious and chronic diseases health disparities. She is the author of numerous scientific journal articles, reports, and book chapters on HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB and viral hepatitis among racial and ethnic minorities; women; incarcerated populations; and achieving health equity. She has served on national and international advisory, working groups and committees that have sought to address health disparities in infectious and chronic diseases among underserved populations. Her major research interests include developing methods, applications and programs to detect, understand and reduce health inequalities. Dr. Dean received her Bachelor's degree in biology from Spelman College, her Master's degree in Public Health in International Health/Biostatistics, and a Doctorate of Science Degree in Biostatistics from Tulane University.

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Christine A. DeCourtney

Title of Presentation: Qualitative Research for Cultural Groups Redefined

Christine DeCourtney is the Cancer Program Planning Manager for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium based in Anchorage Alaska. She developed the first comprehensive cancer control plan for the Alaska Tribal Health System and manages new and ongoing programs related to cancer. During her time working at a remote hospital she helped establish the Helping Hands Program, designed to allow Alaska Native elders remain in their home community as they neared the end of life.

Claudia De la Cruz, MSW, MDiv

Title of Presentation: A Model for Leadership Development Among Latinas to Increase Awareness and Reduce Health Disparities

Claudia De la Cruz is Program Director of the Health Promotion Program, Salud es Algo Mas! of Dominican Women's Development Center. The health promotion program is composed of two projects, the HIV/AIDS intervention, education and prevention project and the CGENE project. Ms. Cruz is also a long time activist and community organizer. She has worked for over 10 years in facilitating processes of empowerment with women, leadership development and capacity building, particularly with youth, in the West Harlem and Washington Heights Communities. During this process, Ms. Cruz has become the adult ally for the youth leadership development project of DWDC, "Da Urban Butterflies". Ms. Cruz is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Social Work and Union Theological Seminary. She earned a dual Masters degree in Social Work and Divinity (M.S.W/MDiv). Ms. Cruz is also known as Reverend of Iglesia San Romero de Las Americas-UCC, a Christian community practicing liberation theology in Washington Heights.

Jack Denelsbeck

Title of Presentation: A Multi-Tiered Health Literacy Model to Increase Minority Participation in Clinical Trials

Jack Denelsbeck serves as New York Technical Assistance Manager and is responsible for overseeing important contracts related to the NYSDOH/AIDS Institute. He is a lead trainer and facilitator for staff trainings and provides information workshops to PLWHIV/AIDS.

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Ninad Desai, MD

Title of Presentation: **Health Literacy Assessment in Teens with Perinatal HIV Infection Using the REALM Test (Rapid Estimate of Adult Literacy in Medicine)**

Ninad Desai, MD; FAAP is presently the Chief of Pediatrics at Kings County Hospital Center and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at SUNY Downstate Medical College. He is also the Medical Director of the Pediatric and Family HIV Services at Kings County Hospital. In addition to being Board Certified in Pediatrics he is also certified in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology. He has published and presented over 90 scientific papers and has extensive clinical experience in pediatrics; HIV/AIDS; Heme-Onc and general pediatrics.

Alicia Eccles, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Utilization of Community Based Participatory Research to Reduce Health Disparities in Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, and Filipino Older Adult Communities**

Alicia M. Eccles is the Project Coordinator of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Across the US Health Access for Pacific Asian Seniors Project (REACH US HAPAS) in the Older Adults Program at Special Service for Groups, Inc. She earned her Masters Degree in Public Health at the UCLA School of Public Health. Ms. Eccles' recent affiliations include, member of the California REACH Conference Planning Committee 2009 and member of Coalition for Health and Justice in Los Angeles.

Kana Enomoto, MA

Title of Presentation: **Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities**

Kana Enomoto currently serves as the Acting Deputy Administrator (Chief Operating Officer), for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In this role, Ms. Enomoto shares responsibility with the Administrator to provide executive direction and leadership for an agency with 500+ employees and a fiscal year budget of approximately \$3.3 billion. Ms. Enomoto also serves as the Principal Senior Advisor to the Administrator and coordinates Agency activities on behalf of the Administrator across the full spectrum of mental health and substance abuse policy issues, SAMHSA's grant and contracts portfolio, human capital management, process improvement, and interagency/intersectoral collaborations. Ms. Enomoto also serves as SAMHSA's Acting Associate Administrator for Women's Services and Chair of the Advisory Committee on Women's Services. Since coming to the US Department of Health and Human Services as a Presidential Management Intern (Fellow) in 1998, Ms. Enomoto has worked to raise the profile of women and minorities' mental health and substance abuse issues at the federal level. Prior to entering the federal government, she was a Research Associate at the National Research Center on Asian American Mental Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. Ms. Enomoto's background is in Clinical Psychology and she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from UCLA.

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Jennifer L. Erb-Downward

Title of Presentation: Perceived Quality of Supportive Care Services among Ethnically Diverse Cancer Survivors, their Families, and Support Networks

Jennifer Erb-Downward is the research data coordinator for the Queens Library HealthLink project a component of the Research Program in Community Outreach and Health Disparities Initiative at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She also serves on the Board of the Public Health Association of New York City as a co-chair for the student committee. Ms. Erb-Downward earned her Masters in Public Health with an emphasis in Community Health in 2006 from New York University. During her training, Ms. Erb-Downward was an American Public Health Association Student Fellow for the Maternal and Child Health Section and a Centennial Academic Merit scholarship recipient. Ms. Erb-Downward has also completed training in community organizing and leadership at the National Training and Information Center in Chicago and at Northwestern University. Her primary research interest is in the role of community involvement in the reduction of health disparities among the medically underserved.

José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA

Title of Presentation: Building on Community Assets to Redress Health Workforce Disparities

Dr. Fernández-Peña has spent over 20 years developing a first-rate understanding of the real-life issues affecting health care programs and services for Latinos, low-income, immigrant, and marginal populations in the US, with emphasis on California. He is an Associate Professor of Health Education at San Francisco State University where his works focuses on health workforce diversity and cross cultural communication in health. Most recently, he conceived and implemented a major program in California through SFSU – the Welcome Back Initiative, which currently includes 3 sites in California (SF, LA and San Diego) and three additional sites, in Boston, Rhode Island and Puget Sound. This program identifies immigrants who were trained in the health field in their home countries, but who do not have licenses to practice in the US Dr. Fernández-Peña lead the development of a multi-discipline and multi-campus program to identify these individuals, provide them with necessary training, and reintegrating them into the health field. Previously, he worked at the Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic in San Francisco as Director of Health Education. He also served as Associate Director for Quality Management at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. Dr. Fernández-Peña has degree in medicine from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and a Masters' Degree in Public Administration, concentration in Health Policy and Management, from New York University Graduate School of Public Administration.

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Alexander Gabriel Fiks, MD, MSCE

Title of Presentation: Strategies to Address Disparities in the Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): A Qualitative Study

Alexander Gabriel Fiks, MD is a practicing general pediatrician, faculty member in the Pediatric Generalist Research Group, and founding member of the Center for Biomedical Informatics at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Fiks lead the Center in implementing the Electronic Health Record (EHR) in the Hospital's outpatient setting. His current research focuses on improving the quality of care and addressing health disparities for ambulatory pediatric patients through the application of Health Information Technology (HIT) and collaborative practice-based research. One of Dr. Fiks' research goals has been to improve outcomes, especially vaccination coverage for inner-city children, through clinical decision support. Dr. Fiks and colleagues have demonstrated that children at high risk of vaccine delay can be identified as early as 3 months of age using data within the EHR. They found that by using the EHR dramatically reduces missed opportunities for vaccination and increase immunization rates in a largely African American urban population. To ensure that healthcare is aligned with the needs and values of families on an ongoing basis, Dr. Fiks' research now focuses on strategies to engage families of children with chronic health conditions, especially attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, in shared decision making facilitated through HIT. A central goal of this research is to improve outcomes for traditionally underserved groups.

Sheila Foran, JD

Title of Presentation: Disparate Treatment, Disparate Impact: Patient Rights and Provider Responsibilities as Federal Recipients

Sheila Foran is currently Senior Advisor to the Civil Rights Division of HHS' Office for Civil Rights (OCR). She co-leads OCR's health disparities work. Ms. Foran has served in many capacities since coming to HHS from the Department of Justice in 1999, including several years as CRD's Acting Deputy Director and Acting Director of OCR's Program, Policy and Training Division. In these positions, she led OCR's day-to-day civil rights program operations by managing a team of civil rights analysts and other staff to carry out OCR's national civil rights responsibilities, including policy development and implementation; directing staff work with OCR regional offices to provide case-related guidance; and coordinating OCR's involvement in civil rights intra and inter-governmental civil rights work groups. During her years at OCR, Ms. Foran also served as Special Counsel to the OCR Director and Deputy Director, acting as the principal advisor to the Director on the full range of substantive civil rights and management issues, specializing in disability law issues. Ms. Foran led efforts at OCR to implement the Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. LC* and to carry out Executive Order 13217, "Community Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities" under the President's New Freedom Initiative. At the Department of Justice, Ms. Foran served as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division. Ms. Foran obtained her JD in 1986 from the University of Michigan Law School.

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Darcy Freedman, PhD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Barriers to Accessing Healthy Foods in Food Insecure Communities**

Darcy Freedman, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Centenary Position in Social Disparities in Built Community Environments at the University of South Carolina, College of Social Work. Dr. Freedman specializes in community health and development, social and environmental determinants of health, community-engaged research, social justice and health equity. Using a community-based and participatory research approach, she has studied a range of health topics including food systems change; food insecurity; childhood obesity; HIV, STD and teen pregnancy prevention; and infant mortality. Dr. Freedman's current research is focused on engaging community members in efforts aimed at increasing access to healthy foods in areas with limited or no access to stores selling these types of products. Dr. Freeman worked in collaboration with neighborhood associations and Boys and Girls Clubs to establish farmers' markets in five communities in Nashville, TN and plans to expand these efforts in South Carolina. Dr. Freedman also facilitated the development of a food security coalition, which works with stakeholders from all parts of the food system to create policy and programmatic change aimed at increasing food security in the middle Tennessee region. Dr. Freedman completed an interdisciplinary PhD in Community Research and Action at Vanderbilt University and a Master of Public Health at Emory University.

Soraya Galeas

Title of Presentation: **Creating and Maintaining a Latino Youth Program**

Soraya Galeasis is the Director of Community Education for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington (PPMW). Ms. Galeas began working at PPMW as a Clinician Assistant. She later became the Latino Initiative Coordinator, where she was able to work directly with the Latino community on sexual health issues. She expanded the program Abriendo Caminos, and reached out to Latino youth, families, and day laborers, among others by communicating openly with them about prevention. Ms. Galeas created the RAISE Program (Raising Awareness in Self Education), a Latino youth program designed to train students to become peer educators and teach healthy sexuality to their friends. In 2005, Ms. Galeas founded the Metropolitan Council for Latino Health, a coalition and network of organizations that help Latinos in the D.C. area access health resources they need. She has served as the Chair of a local coalition organized around National Latino AIDS Awareness Day and continues to be an active member. Ms. Galeas serves on numerous coalitions within the D.C. metropolitan area and works with the consulates of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico. Ms. Galeas' extensive work with diverse communities and people of all ages combined with her compassion for others has enabled her to greatly impact the community around her.

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Joanne Gallivan, MS RD

Title of Presentation: Primary Prevention of Diabetes Across High Risk Populations

Joanne Gallivan is Director of the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) in the Office of Communication and Public Liaison for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NDEP is sponsored by NIH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve the treatment and outcomes for people with diabetes, to promote early diagnosis, and ultimately, to prevent the onset of diabetes. Previously, Ms. Gallivan was project manager for NIDDK's Weight-Control Information Network, a national source of information on weight control, obesity, and weight-related nutritional disorders; Contract Manager for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's National Cholesterol Education Program and Obesity Education Initiative; and director of the Prince George's County (MD) Health Department Nutrition Division. Ms. Gallivan is a Registered Dietitian and a member of the American Dietetic Association, its Diabetes Care Practice Group, and the Maryland Dietetic Association. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition from the University of Connecticut and her Master's Degree in Community Nutrition from the University of Maryland. Ms. Gallivan has authored several articles on the National Diabetes Education Program and received the NIH Director's Award for her leadership of NDEP in 2006.

Steven K. Galson, MD, MPH, RADM, USPHS

Title of Presentation: Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable

Since October 2007, Rear Admiral Steven K Galson, MD, MPH, has served as the Acting Surgeon General of the United States. As the nation's top public health physician, the Surgeon General communicates the best science, evidence, and data to the American people for them to make healthy choices that impact their health, safety, and security. Additionally, he serves as the Operational Commander of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, a uniformed force of 6,000 health professional officers dedicated to promoting, protecting, and advancing the health and safety of the people of the United States. Prior to his appointment as Acting Surgeon General, he served as the Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). As the Director, RADM Galson oversaw CDER's broad national and international programs in pharmaceutical regulation and provided leadership for 2300 physicians, statisticians, chemists, pharmacologists and other scientists, as well as administrators whose work promoted and protected public health by ensuring that safe and effective drugs are available to the American public. RADM Galson began his Public Health Service (PHS) career as an epidemiological investigator at the Centers for Disease Control after completing a Residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospitals of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He has held senior-level positions at the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy where he was the Chief

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Medical Officer, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to his arrival at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), RADM Galson was the Director of the Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, at the EPA. Dr. Galson joined FDA in April 2001 as the CDER Deputy Center Director and was appointed Director in July 2005. RADM Galson received his Baccalaureate Degree from Stony Brook University in 1978, an MD from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in 1983, and a M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1990. He is Board Certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health as well as in Occupational Medicine. RADM Galson is the recipient of numerous PHS awards, the Robert Brutsche Award from the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS and the Founders Award from the Association of Military Surgeons of the US. He is also the recipient of three Secretary of Energy Gold Awards. Dr. Galson is member of the Institute of Medicine Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation and completed a term as member of the National Board of Medical Examiners in 2007.

Josephine Garza, BA, MA

Title of Presentation: **Salsa, Sabor y Salud-Creating healthy lifestyles for Latino families with Children ages 3-12**

Josephine Garza is Executive Director of the National Latino Children's Institute (NLCI), overseeing operations and promotion of the Institute, to seek additional sponsors and build public/private partnerships. Ms. Garza worked as an independent consultant with NLCI since 1997 before coming on fulltime in 2002. She participated in focus groups that looked at cultural competencies in accessing healthcare, which lead to a report submitted to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on barriers and solutions to accessing children's health. She worked on designing culturally appropriate activities for Corazón de mi Vida a child passenger safety program, Onda Sana an HIV/AIDS prevention program for young Latinos ages 10-18 and Salsa, Sabor y Salud a healthy lifestyles program for Latino families with children ages 3-12. Prior to coming to NLCI Ms. Garza was co-founder and served as Co-Executive Director for Youth Advocates of California, in Los Angeles, dedicated to building a positive youth community that taught young people how to access resources and create a support system for each other. Ms. Garza has been actively involved with organizations dedicated to empowering and protecting rights of young people and their families who have been disenfranchised, most of whom are minority (predominantly Latino) poor, and many of whom end up in the juvenile justice system. Ms. Garza holds a BA and M.A. in Education with two certifications in early childhood education and bilingual education; and emphasis in cross-cultural counseling and communications, both degrees are from University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Serina R. Gaston, MEd

Title of Presentation: Feasibility Pilot to Implement a Research Tested Intervention Statewide: Body & Soul: A Celebration of Healthy Eating and Living

Serina Gaston is the Director of Nutrition and Physical Activity at the Pennsylvania Department of Health, a newly created division which directs, coordinates, monitors and implements health promotion programs in the area of diabetes, asthma, physical activity and nutrition. In her previous job, Ms. Gaston worked in the Bureau of Health Planning as the Director of Plan Development where she supervised the development of strategies for the creation and implementation of the State Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Gaston volunteers as a mentor in the Women's Leadership Initiative at the Pennsylvania State University in College Park. This program provides an excellent opportunity for fifth semester women students majoring in one of the disciplines of the College of Health and Human Development to develop the core values, attitudes and competencies that are the foundation of quality leadership. In April 2008, Mrs. Gaston received the Outstanding Graduate Student in Health Education Award from the Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg Campus for the work she has done in assisting her church in the planning and implementation of health promotion programs. Mrs. Gaston has a Masters in Education with a concentration in Health Education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Michael Christopher Gibbons, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities

Dr. Gibbons' research focuses in the following three discreet but related areas. 1) Integrating evidence-based behavioral interventions into the US medical care system 2) The integration of computers and Information technologies with the behavioral sciences to enhance the development of eHealth interventions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities 3) Elucidating the biomolecular mechanisms which undergird socio-culturally determined health outcomes. Dr. Gibbons is an advisor to national, government and policy agencies including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, on issues related to disparities, Populomics and eHealth.

Linda Goldsholl, MS

Title of Presentation: The Montgomery County African American Health Program - Diabetes Education Classes and Dining Clubs

Linda Goldsholl is a Nutritionist and Program Manager for the Montgomery County African American Health Program's Diabetes Education Program and has 32 years with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. During these years, she has worked in many capacities including Program Nutritionist and Manager for the WIC Program, development and implementation of a school based 5 a Day Nutrition Program (Five for Kids, Too!) conducted in 65

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elementary schools and winner of the Dannon Institute Award for Excellence in Community Nutrition in 1999. Ms. Goldsholl earned a Master's Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Melody Goodman, PhD

Title of Presentation: Bridging the Gap Between Community and Research Through the Power of Partnerships

Melody S Goodman, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Associate Director for Graduate Program in Public Health (GPPH) in the School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. She serves as Director of the Center for Public Health and Health Policy Research (CPHHPR). Under her direction, CPHHPR has developed a community partnered approach to addressing and improving minority health outcomes in Suffolk County, NY. Dr. Goodman has been instrumental in forging relationships with key community leaders, community and faith-based organizations, community health workers, government health officials, and health care institutions and facilitating the development of the Suffolk County Minority Health Action Coalition (SMHAC). Dr. Goodman is currently collaborating with the National Human Genome Research Institute to analyze patterns of beliefs about the genetic causation of health conditions and health behaviors among health center patients. Dr. Goodman recently received an NIH Partners in Research grant entitled Community Alliance for Research Empowering Social change (CARES). This grant is a collaborative effort to provide the necessary infrastructure for community-based participatory research among a unique consortium of CPHHPR, SMHAC, Literacy Suffolk Inc., and the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University to train and engage minority communities to engage in research. Dr. Goodman's work has been funded by the Long Island Community Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Stony Brook University, and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Goodman received her PhD in Biostatistics from Harvard University with minors in Theoretical Statistics and the Social Determinants of Health Disparities.

Miguel Gomez, BS

Title of Presentation: Beyond the Myth: Using New Media to Reach Communities of Color

Miguel Gomez is the Director of the US Department of Health and Human Service (HHS), Office of HIV/AIDS Policy's, AIDS.gov, an information gateway to Federal domestic HIV/AIDS and new media information and resources. Mr. Gomez works across HHS to increase the use of new media tools to promote HHS agencies programs, policies and resources. Part of the AIDS.gov project provides support to cross-promotion of the National HIV/AIDS Awareness Days. Mr. Gomez has over 23 years of experience working to combating HIV/AIDS.

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Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD

Title of Presentation: **HPV Vaccines for Cervical Cancer Prevention: Dissemination Gaps**

Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, PhD is Associate Professor of Health and Behavior Studies at Columbia University, senior member at Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director, Office of Health Disparities Research, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale. She is also Director, New York Physicians against Cancer that works with primary care physicians to reduce health disparities in cancer prevention and screening. Dr. Gorin's research team has developed and tested rigorous intervention models for changing primary care physician recommendations for smoking cessation, breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening, and informed decision making in prostate cancer screening. She is systematically examining primary care physicians' HPV vaccination practices. Using population-based medical claims data on breast cancer survivors, she has also explored race and ethnicity as a predictor of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment delay, the impact of treatment delay on breast cancer survival, and the impact of dementia on cancer treatment. Dr. Gorin is a member of the Health Services Organization and Delivery study section (HSOD), as well as American Cancer Society and Department of Defense review groups, and is Convener of Feedback (akin to "letters to the editor") for the Cochrane Collaboration. She is a contributing leader to a number of professional organizations, including the Program Co-Chair, Cancer SIG, the Society for Behavioral Medicine, the Society for Behavioral Medicine, the Behavioral Science Task Force for the American Association for Cancer Research and the Scientific Review Committee for the Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research Program of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Andrea Grimes, BS

Title of Presentation: **Addressing Health Disparities through Partnerships between Community Health Organizations and Technology Researchers**

Andrea Grimes is a fourth year Human-Centered Computing PhD student at Georgia Institute Technology and a graduate researcher in the Work2Play lab. In her dissertation research, she examines how to design technologies that support individuals in low-income, urban communities in eating healthfully. Specifically, Ms. Grimes used qualitative field work as a starting point for the design of lightweight mobile phone applications that help community members learn culturally-relevant strategies for healthy eating. Ms. Grimes received her BS in Computer Science from Northeastern University in 2005. Ms. Grimes She has worked at Microsoft Research in Redmond, Washington and Cambridge, United Kingdom. She is an NSF Graduate Research Fellow, a Microsoft Research Fellow, and a Google Anita Borg Scholar. In addition, she received a Yahoo! Key Technical Challenge Grant to support her dissertation research.

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RW Hall, BA, MPH

Title of Presentation: Leadership Development Succession Planning: Strengthening Leadership Within Health Organizations

Randy Winston Hall II has a Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois, School of Public Health. His area of specialty is Health Policy and Administration. Mr. Wilson has an unshakable passion for implementing a vision of Holistic Public Health. This was spurred on by understanding healthcare strategic practices. While working with national health systems, independent community's hospital, and federally qualified health centers, Mr. Wilson developed a working communications platform that has been used to strategically plan and budget, efficient, effective, sustainable health solutions and interventions on a global scale and particularly in the arena of Public Health Policy with a concentration on Domestic and International Health Systems. Mr. Winston has developed a strong interest in International Health Systems with a focus on the Policy, Sustainability, and Financing of those systems.

Yvonka Hall, MS

Title of Presentation: Creating State and Local Infrastructure to Nuture, Support and Sustain Efforts to Eliminate Health Disparities

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health. She is responsible for addressing local health disparity needs with the emphasis on informing, educating and empowering at risk communities. Ms. Hall is the former Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. In 2005, Ms. Hall was awarded the American Heart Association's Diversity IMPACT Award. In 2008 Ms. Hall earned national acclaim and was selected by General Mills as one of five women to receive "Cheerios' Sisters Saving Hearts" Award. In support of this recognition, she also received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congresswomen Stephanie Tubbs-Jones. In addition, she was recognized in the February, 2008 edition of Ebony magazine for her commitment to educating African American women of their risk factors for heart disease. Ms. Hall is also involved in national organizations including the National Association for Chronic Disease Directors Cultural Competency Committee, and as a Wellness Consultant for the Black Women's Health Imperative in Washington, DC.

Esther S. Han, MPH

Title of Presentation: Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives

Esther S. Han, MPH, is a Senior Health Care Analyst for Research at National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). As a senior analyst, Ms. Han works on projects focused on promoting culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services. She is the Project Manager for NCQA's Technical Assistance Project, a demonstration grant program aimed at understanding and addressing barriers

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to care for minority patients in small, primary care practices. She also manages the publication and production of print and on-line guides to quality improvement in multicultural health care for physicians and various health care organizations. Ms. Han also manages NCQA's annual health plan award program recognizing innovative practices for addressing health care disparities and NCQA's work on the identification and selection of health care innovations for inclusion in the AHRQ Innovations Exchange. Ms. Han's work supports NCQA in the development of various measures assessing health plan performance in access, effectiveness and overall quality of care. Ms. Han received her Master of Public Health in Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.

Marion Hannemann

Title of Presentation: Working Against the "Status Quo" In Eliminating Health Disparities in the Villages of American Samoa – A Community-Based Organization's Efforts in Health Education and Navigation

Marion Hannemann is the Executive Director for the Samoan National Nurses Association with the responsible for opening a branch office in Tacoma, Washington in 2006 and opening of a branch office in Pago Pago, American Samoa in 2007.

Linda Harris, BA

Title of Presentation: The Pow-Wow Leadership Training Program: Trials and Tribulations of Culturally Adaptating a "DEBI" Model for HIV Prevention in American Indian Communities

Linda Harris has been a community-based researcher and evaluator in communities of color and American Indian communities for over 20 years. Over the past four years she led the team at Rainbow Research engaged in building evaluation capacity among the 52 Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI) grantees, and conducting the overall evaluation of the EHDI Initiative. In addition, Ms. Harris has been working with American Indian in the areas of HIV/STI prevention, substance abuse, child abuse/neglect, mental health and childhood obesity and diabetes prevention. She has led the evaluation efforts for community-based projects funded by the CDC, SAMHSA, Administration of Children and Families, US Departments of Justice, and of Commerce. Ms. Harris is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Health at the University of Minnesota, with concentrations in Health Disparities and Complementary and Alternative Medicine. She has a BA in Sociology from the University of Minnesota.

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Jamie Hart, BA, PhD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Strategies for Providing Culturally Competent Care in Family Planning Clinics

Jamie Hart, PhD directs the Intercultural Health Practice Area at the Altarum Institute. Dr. Hart's project work typically focuses on increasing access to services for underserved populations – by assessing current efforts or providing training and technical assistance (TA) to build Federal, State, and/or local capacity. Dr. Hart has served as the director for several OPA assessment projects within family planning clinics to address cultural competency, integrating HIV prevention, using couples-based services, and delivering clinical training for providers. Dr. Hart recently directed two OHAP contracts to assess HIV-related TA and to work with 10 staff across the country to increase HIV testing; and a HRSA contract focusing on grantees efforts to recruit and retain HIV positive people of color in care. Dr. Hart also designed and directed several "Policy Academy" projects to address homelessness, pediatric asthma disparities, and co-occurring disorders. Dr. Hart has also facilitated numerous expert panel and workgroup meetings on a range of topics including issues faced by safety net hospitals and health systems; cross-cultural communication and cultural competency in service delivery; and discharge planning for criminal justice, behavioral health, and foster care systems. Dr. Hart has worked at the University of Michigan as an instructional consultant in the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching with a focus on multiculturalism in the classroom; as a research assistant on CDC's Project REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health); and as a researcher and trainer with a focus on diversity programming. She earned a master's degree in public health in health behavior and health education, a master's degree and a doctorate of philosophy in African American history, from the University of Michigan. Her dissertation research focused on reproductive health and access to health care for African-American women.

Linda Harte, MBA

Title of Presentation: FirstAccess: Reducing Health Disparities by Increasing Access to Community Driven Outreach and Safety Net Programs through Data Collection Methodology and Systems Change

Linda Harte is a seasoned organizational development professional possessing in-depth yet diverse experience including performance consulting, six sigma project management; problem-solving facilitation, team development, leadership development and management consulting, curriculum development and instructional design. Ms. Harte currently works as the Health Disparities Program Coordinator for the Community Health Department, FirstHealth of the Carolinas. She received her MBA and BS from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

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Bethany Hemlock, MPH

Title of Presentation: Mobilizing Communities to Address Health Disparities by Understanding the Effects of Trauma

Bethany Hemlock is Director of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leader Council's Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center in Billings, Montana. She worked as an Epidemiologist at the Center before becoming its Director. Previously, Ms. Hemlock worked as a researcher at the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center. Ms. Hemlock earned her BA in Biology at Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania and her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology/Biostatistics at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Karen Hench, RN, MS

Title of Presentation: Assessing for Multiple Behavioral Risk Factors: Lessons Learned From HRSA-Funded Programs

Karen Hench is the Deputy Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA. The DHSPS provides national leadership in planning, directing, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating Federal programs focusing on perinatal, infant and women's health to improve and strengthen the access, delivery, quality, coordination and information services for targeted populations, especially for those at high risk for adverse health outcomes. Ms. Hench has held key programmatic and policy positions within HRSA focusing on several public health issues including health disparities, preconception/interconception care; family violence; HIV prevention and treatment for women, children and adolescents; maternal wellness; breastfeeding; and, improvement of maternal and infant health. Ms. Hench co-chairs the HRSA Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness Perinatal Subcommittee which is developing consumer, provider and community tools for maternal wellness and adaptation during the perinatal and early parenting period. Ms. Hench also serves on the Public Health Committee of HRSA/CDC/March of Dimes Preconception Care Initiative. Prior to coming to HRSA, she served in various leadership positions at the National Institutes of Health from 1981 through 1994. Ms. Hench holds a Baccalaureate of Science degree in nursing from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Science degree in healthcare administration and clinical pediatrics from the University of Maryland and is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Federal Collaboration On Health Disparities Research: Working Outside of the Silos

Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts, PhD is currently on detail from the National Cancer Institute to the Office of Minority Health, in the Division of Policy and Data. There she serves as Executive Director of the Federal Collaboration on Health Disparities Research. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts has long worked in the areas of health inequities and ethnic minority health. Prior to coming to the OMH, she served as Director of Community Relations and Outreach for the NCI Cardozo Cancer Clinic in Washington DC. She directed NCI's Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities, and was the Health Disparities Research Coordinator for the Behavioral Research Program. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts has chaired many committees and work groups within the NCI and across the NIH including NIH's national conference Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities: the Contributions of Social and Behavioral Science. In 2006, she received the NIH Director's Merit Award for her work with the NIH Social Work Task Force, developing infrastructure in Social Work Research. Before coming to the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Heurtin-Roberts directed the Prevention Research Program for Special Populations at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts has also served on the graduate faculty of the National Catholic School of Social Services at the Catholic University of America. She has published in the areas of ethnicity and chronic illness, social justice, and qualitative methods, as well as mental health services research. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts earned a doctorate in Medical Anthropology at the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley, and a Master's in Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts also earned a MA in Sociology and a BA in Anthropology from the University of New Orleans. Dr. Heurtin-Roberts continues to work on public health issues in New Orleans, especially post-Katrina.

Young Hoang, MS, PhD

Title of Presentation: Closing the Mental Health Disparity Among Vietnamese Americans

Young Hoang (PhD candidate) is presently working as a Mental Health Counselor for a SAMHSA funded program in Virginia, a licensed Psychotherapist at a private practice on the Capitol Hill, and a psycho-metrician extern at the Psychiatric Institute of Washington. Mr. Hoang is currently one of the few Vietnamese PhD students in psychology and has been practicing psychology for over 4 years in multiple settings such as private practice, out-patient mental health clinics, and in-patient psychiatric hospitals. Mr. Hoang's research interests focus on cross-cultural counseling and Asian's mental health, particularly Vietnamese Americans. Mr. Hoang received his BS from the University of Connecticut, his MS from Southern Connecticut State University, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Counseling Psychology at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

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Felicia Hodge, DrPH

Title of Presentation: **Human Papillomavirus and Genital Warts: Gathering Data from American Indian Parents on Beliefs and Level of Knowledge**

Felicia Schanche Hodge, DrPH is a member of the Wailaki tribe of Northern California. Dr. Hodge's research focuses on chronic health conditions and health beliefs and behaviors among American Indians and Alaska Natives. Dr. Hodge's current projects examine barriers to cancer symptom management (pain, fatigue, depression and loss of function) among Southwest American Indians, awareness of HPV and genital warts, diabetes fatalism among the Plains tribes, smoking cessation, prevention and control, wellness beliefs and behaviors among California Indians.

Wilhelmina Holder, MD, CM, DTPH, MS

Title of Presentation: **Integrating Foreign Trained Health Care Professionals into the Workforce to Decrease Health Disparities**

Wilhelmina Holder, MD is the Executive Director of the Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), Inc. that empowers immigrant women/girls to succeed in the Twin Cities and Metropolitan Areas. She is also the Director of the Foreign Trained Healthcare Professionals Licensure Program (FTHP), a collaborative partnership between WISE, Inc., and the African and American Friendship Association for Cooperation and Development (AAFACD), Inc. that provides support and advocacy for FTHPs to get their licensure and integrate in to Minnesota healthcare workforce. Dr. Holder also has international and national experience in program and organizational management and evaluation in Liberia where she practice preventive medicine and directed various disease prevention and control programs for women and children. As Liberia's first National World Health Organization (WHO) Program Coordinator (1978-80), she successfully collaborated with various partners to complete the first National Country Health Program for Liberia. Dr. Holder is a graduate of McGill Medical School, Canada, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, England. She came to the USA in 1985 through Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and obtained a Masters in Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Holder is an active member of several organizations including the Board of Directors of Global Health Ministries, the Global Health Council; Black Caucus Health Workers; and the Minnesota Public Health Associations.

Cheryl L. Holt, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Evaluation of a Barbershop-Based Cancer Educational Program Using Community Based Participatory Methods**

Cheryl L Holt, PhD is Associate Professor in the Department of Public and Community Health, in the University of Maryland, School of Public Health. Her health disparities research involves community-based health communication studies, and the role of culture in health cognitions and behaviors. Specifically, Dr. Holt's research examines the religiosity/spirituality-health association

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among African Americans, and using religiosity/spirituality to frame breast, prostate, and colon cancer early detection messages for this population. She examined the mediators, through which religiosity/spirituality is proposed to impact health in a qualitative study, is now pursuing this work in a quantitative fashion, developing and testing theory in this area. Dr. Holt's research also involves developing measures of cultural constructs in African Americans and relating these constructs to cancer-related beliefs (e.g., knowledge, perceived barriers to screening) and behaviors (e.g., prevention, screening). Dr. Holt is also involved in other community-based cancer communication studies, including a study conducting cancer education in African American barbershops, through barbers as Community Health Advisors.

Stephane Howze, MPA

Title of Presentation: A Healthy Healing Community: A Study of Our Inner-City Adult Day Health Centers (ADHC)

Stephane Howze has served as the Deputy Director of Healthcare Services at Harlem United Community AIDS Center for over 6 years. Responsible for the overall management of a \$12 million dollar division, Ms. Howze has expanded and enhanced programming to include primary care, dental and mental health services. Throughout her 16-year career, Stephane has demonstrated a commitment to creating and sustaining comprehensive health care services for underserved communities with a focus on people living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Howze earned an Executive Master Degree in Public Administration at CUNY- Baruch College and a Bachelor of Arts at the State University of New York-College at Buffalo. She is a board member of the Fortune Society where she chairs the Program Committee, and is an active member of the Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board. Additionally, she is a past Chair and an active member of the Parent of Color Committee at the Chapin School where her daughter is a student. Prior to Harlem United, Ms. Howze was the Associate Director of Regulatory Affairs for the North Brooklyn Health Network which included one acute care facility, two diagnostic & treatment centers, three community health centers, seven child health clinics and three school based clinics. Through her work at the Network, she ensured all clinical programs were in regulatory compliance. Before the Network, she worked as the Director of Contract Management at Housing Works, a community-based organization dedicated to providing housing, healthcare, job training and vital supportive services for people living with AIDS and HIV.

Nadia Islam, PhD

Title of Presentation: Historical and Methodological Issues on the Collection of Disaggregated Data in Asian American Populations

Nadia Islam, PhD, is the Deputy Director and co-investigator of the Center for the Study of Asian American Health, a National Institute of Health (NIH)-funded P60 National Research Center of Excellence dedicated to reducing health disparities facing Asian American communities. She is a

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faculty member of NYU School of Medicine. Dr. Islam specializes in community based participatory methods and health disparities research within Asian American and immigrant communities, and has had extensive training in qualitative methods, cancer control research, and access to healthcare issues. At CSAAH, Dr. Islam is responsible for research and grants development, as well as the dissemination of research findings in the areas of cardiovascular disease, hepatitis, and access to healthcare disparities. She is also the lead investigator and Director of the DREAM Project (Diabetes Research, Education, and Action), a five-year NIH-funded study that examines the impact of a community health worker program designed to improve diabetes control and diabetes-related health complications in the Bangladeshi community in New York City. Dr. Islam is also a co-investigator of the B-Free CEED: the B Free National Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Hepatitis B Disparities, which is dedicated to developing evidence-based practices to eliminate Hepatitis B disparities in the Asian American community.

Prior to working at CSAAH, Dr. Islam directed the New York site of AANCART, the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training based at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. AANCART was a five-year National Cancer Institute funded project dedicated to developing leadership within and collaboration with community-based organizations to address the needs of the medically under-served New York Asian American populations. Dr. Islam received her doctorate in Sociomedical Sciences at Columbia University and a Dissertation Award from the National Science Foundation.

Mariana Iurcovich

Title of Presentation: Accessing Rural Latino Populations in the Midwest through Collaboration

Mariana Iurcovich is a clinical psychologist from Argentina. She is the Proyecto IDEAS Director at JSI Research and Training Institute in Denver, CO. Proyecto IDEAS is a capacity building assistance program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program goal is to assist community-based organizations and state and local health departments in improving HIV prevention services for Latino/Hispanic populations living in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming. Ms. Iurcovich has been working in the HIV/AIDS epidemic since 1988; she has held global and national policymaking positions at international organizations as well as with national and local governments, assisting in the implementation of health services and policies. Ms. Iurcovich has also served as a consultant in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, and South East Asia. Most of her work has focus on the implementation of counseling/testing services, monitoring and evaluation system, interdisciplinary teams in the health system, and developing official programs for the educational system in HIV prevention (kindergarten, primary and high schools).

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Deeana Laurie Jang, JD

Title of Presentation: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities

Deeana Laurie Jang, JD is the Policy Director for the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum where she heads up the Washington, DC office. Ms. Jang returned to the Health Forum in April 2007 after working as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy. She has also worked on California and Federal health policy issues at the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum from 1996 to 2000. She moved to Washington, DC in the Fall of 2000 to work for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the US Department of Health and Human Services, serving for five years as the lead senior policy analyst working to ensure that HHS programs are accessible to immigrants with limited English skills under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. She was a legal services attorney for many years representing low-income families in domestic violence, immigration, school discipline and housing issues at San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, Asian Law Alliance and the Asian Law Caucus. She is a co-founder of the Asian Women's Shelter, one of the first battered women's shelters in the country to address the needs of Asian immigrant women and their children. She is a former chair of the board of the National Immigration Project and also served on the boards of the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. She received the Legal Services Achievement Award from the State Bar of California Legal Services Section, the Pacific Asian Women Bay Area Coalition Woman Warrior Award and Community Leader Award from the Family Violence Prevention Fund. She received her BA from Oberlin College and her JD from King Hall School of Law at the University of California Davis.

Graciela Jaschek, MPH

Title of Presentation: Developing a Latino Health Agenda Through a Community-Based Participatory Process: The Experience of the Latino Health Initiative of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Graciela Jaschek is currently the Health Planner for the Latino Health Initiative (LHI) at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. The LHI is a unique program that aims to address the needs of Latinos in Montgomery County for culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Ms. Jaschek is responsible for the overall coordination and management of the LHI's community health planning activities. For the last ten years, Ms. Jaschek has been a leader working with racial/ethnic minority communities in the areas of education, housing, social services and health. Her focus has been on the development, implementation, evaluation and management of educational programs serving minority families in Montgomery County. Ms. Jaschek has worked as Director of Community Programs and as a community organizer at grass-root level, and as a labor organizer at the State level. Ms. Jaschek's prior work in University and Hospital settings involved research and epidemiological studies of infectious diseases. She is the current Treasurer of the Silver Spring Town Center Inc. Ms. Jaschek earned a Bachelors Degree in Biology from the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and a Master in Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University.

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Jenné Johns, MPH

Title of Presentation: "The Power of Partnership" ... A Childhood Obesity Prevention Collaborative

Jenné Johns is Deputy Director for Programs at the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc (SHIRE). Prior to joining SHIRE, Ms. Johns was program associate at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation working on health disparities and health care quality initiatives. Ms. Johns is a native Philadelphian with over eight years of community health education, outreach and research experience.

Kenneth D. Johnson, JD

Title of Presentation: Discrimination before It Starts: The Impact of Civil Rights Laws on Healthcare Disparities-A Medical School Curriculum

Kenneth D. Johnson is a Section Chief in the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), US Department of Health and Human Services. He supervises a team of civil rights analysts and equal opportunity specialists, focusing on reducing health care disparities and protecting the civil rights of people living with HIV, people with physical disabilities, and participants in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Before joining OCR, Ken spent nine years at the US Department of Justice, where he litigated some of the Civil Rights Division's most challenging education and housing discrimination cases. In the Education Section, Ken negotiated several consent decrees to address continuing racial disparities in public education, including the over-representation of minority students in special education. In the Housing Section, Ken served as lead counsel on pattern or practice cases brought under the Fair Housing Act to oppose race, national origin and disability discrimination. Previously, Ken was associated with Kator, Scott & Heller in DC; and O'Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles. Ken also served as law clerk to the Hon. Damon J Keith, US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Among his civic activities, Ken was a member of the DC Bar Task Force on Sexual Orientation and the Legal Workplace; represented people living with HIV as a Whitman-Walker Clinic pro bono attorney; served four years on the board of Us Helping Us, a federally funded HIV prevention nonprofit; and was appointed by the DC Commissioner of Public Health to serve a two-year term on the DC HIV Prevention Community Planning Committee.

Reginal Jones, BS, MS, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Good Health Place Project: An Innovative, Cost/Effective Empowerment Strategy for Maintaining the Health and Safety of Minority Communities

Reggie Jones, PhD has been the Executive Director of the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program (CAH MCP) since 1985. The CAH MCP was established in 1980 by the Illinois Board of Higher Education having a single focus: to increase the number of under-represented minority citizens who gain admission to MODVOPPP (Allopathic Medical, Osteopathic, Dental, Veterinary Science,

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Optometric, Pharmacy, Podiatric Medicine and Public Health) schools across the country. Over the past 25 years, more than 1,800 CAHMCP participants have earned doctorates in these professions and about half that number currently carry on professional practice right here in the State of Illinois. Over the past thirty years, Dr. Jones professional career has been remarkably varied: he has worked as a college professor and pre-med advisor, a Molecular Biologist, a developer of non-traditional undergraduate and graduate degree programs, a campus minister, a community organizer, a public health administrator, and for the past twenty-five years as what might best be termed a "Health Manpower Developer." In 1983, Dr. Jones designed and directed the Chicago Department of Health's "WIC Community Outreach" program. The program received the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare's "Secretary's Award" for innovative community-based efforts involving the recruitment, training and deployment of volunteers as public health workers.

Dallice M. Joyner, HEd, MEd

Title of Presentation: **Healthcare Beyond Words: Words and Barriers**

Dallice Joyner is the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center (NVAHE), an agency that works to improve community access to quality healthcare by providing language services via proficiency testing, training contract interpreting, contract translations and cultural competence services in health and human services settings. Mrs. Joyner She brings to the NVAHEC, over 20 years of public health, community partnership development and administrative experience. Mrs. Joyner earned her Undergraduate Degree in School and Community Health from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, and a Master's Degree in Education with a Community Health Concentration from the University of North Carolina.

Fiona Ka Wa Ao, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Adapting an HIV Prevention Evidence-Based Intervention for Non-English Speaking Monolingual Women: Lessons from the Chieh Mei Ching Yi/Sisterhood Project**

Fiona Ka Wa Ao is a Health Educator for the women's program at Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention. Ms. Wa Ao previous work experience includes implementing tobacco prevention programs at high schools and fish contamination education programs among Chinese women in Los Angeles. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Public health degrees from University of Southern California.

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Ann S. Kenny, MPH, RN, BSN

Title of Presentation: Office of Minority Health's Cultural Competency Curriculum in Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response: A Tool to Mitigate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Disasters

Ann Kenny is currently the Business Program Manager for Healthcare Solutions at SRA International, Inc. For over six years, she has served as the Project Director for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health (OMH) project to develop, implement, maintain and evaluate interactive online and DVD Continuing Medical Education programs in Cultural Competency for physicians, nurses and other health care provider populations. A healthcare professional with over 29 years of experience, Ms. Kenny has managed numerous training and support services contracts, to include providing cultural competency education and outreach for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Quality Improvement Organizations, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Health Information Network project, and the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Bioinformatics Grid™ project (caBIG™). She is a retired military officer with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's degree in Public Health. Ms. Kenny is also a recipient of the prestigious Order of Military Medical Merit award and a visiting professor at several universities.

Ken Keppel, PhD

Title of Presentation: Different Kinds of Differences: Disparities, Inequities and Inequalities

Ken Keppel is a statistician at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. For the last eight years he has been working on the measurement of disparities. He led the effort to define disparity and to measure changes in disparity in Healthy People 2010.

Alvin Killough, PhD

Title of Presentation: Does Culture Matter: Structural Systems Framework Using Underlying Construct Analysis to Conceptualize and Evaluate Approaches to Risk Reduction and HIV Prevention Intervention among Minorities.

Alvin Killough, PhD is a behavioral health scientist, brings more than ten years of teaching experience along with a wealth of research and writing experience to the University of Minnesota. With more than five years interdisciplinary applied research experience in behavioral medicine. Dr. Killough has worked specifically in the areas of pain and chronic disease management and HIV/AIDS. His work with community health services has focused on providing technical assistance for capacity building in health education and promotion in areas of cultural competency and substance abuse prevention. Dr. Killough has also served as supervisor and editor for medical education and publication projects for the scientific community. Dr. Killough is currently developing a proposal for an applied psychology degree to be offered at UMC along with teaching

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both developmental and general psychology courses. Dr. Killough earned his doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He has authored and coauthored publications related to underserved and understudied populations. Dr. Killough serves as a consultant for the US Department of Health and Human Services, and most recently, he was a visiting Research Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Debra Kilpatrick, BA

Title of Presentation: **Community Collaborations to Empower Patients and Providers**

Debra Kilpatrick brings over 16 years of community outreach, government relations, program development and marketing leadership to her position as Program Director of BET Foundation (BETF), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization founded by BET Networks in 2003. Ms. Kilpatrick is responsible for program development, fund development, marketing, and overall operations for the BET Foundations Women's Health Program. BETF promotes healthy eating and active lifestyles among African Americans with a primary focus on eradicating obesity among women and girls. In partnership with BET Networks, corporate donors and community organizations, BETF also addresses obesity-related health disparities in cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension and mental health disorders through a multi-platform integrated approach to health education including public awareness campaigns and grassroots programming. Before joining BETF in May 2008, Ms. Kilpatrick held several key management positions with organizations such as AARP, Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, US Department of Transportation, DC Fire & EMS Department, and the Georgia State Legislature. Ms. Kilpatrick holds a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. She is a member of Women in Cable Telecommunications, National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Thurgood Marshall Center Trust, Inc.

June Kim, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Web Technology and High Quality Diabetes Education Materials for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders**

June is the Program Coordinator for AAPCHO's IMPACT Program, which aims to improve the management and provision of appropriate health care and treatment for AAPIs. Prior to her time at AAPCHO, Ms. Kim worked with the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training (AANCART), the Korean Health Education, Information and Research (KHEIR) Center, and the Minority Training Program in Cancer Control Research (MTPCCR) on issues such as cancer screening, diet and nutrition, smoking cessation, and immunizations. She holds a BA in Sociology and Asian American Studies from Scripps College as well as a Masters in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Terris King, PhD

Title of Presentation: CMS: Building a Federal Program Infrastructure to Address Minority Health Disparities and Empower Communities

Terris King currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, (OCSQ) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He is responsible for the development of national coverage policies and quality standards for Medicare and Medicaid providers; quality measurement and public reporting initiatives and manages the Quality Improvement Organization program. He is the CMS executive lead for value based purchasing. This initiative includes designing and developing quality improvement activities for the Physician Office, Hospital, Home Health, Nursing Home and End Stage Renal Disease Arenas. He is also the lead executive responsible for reducing health disparities throughout the country among underserved populations. Prior to assuming his OCSQ role, he served as the Deputy Associate Commissioner of the Office of Quality Assurance and Performance Assessment. Mr. King has worked in a series of progressively more responsible positions throughout his career. He was selected for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in 1998. During his SES development program, Mr. King served as the Acting Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the State of Maryland. He was appointed to the SES on January 30, 2000.

Mr. King graduated from Towson University and received his Master's Degree in Applied Behavior Science (1997) from Johns Hopkins University and completed the Senior Executive Fellows Program in (1999) from Harvard University and is now pursuing his PhD in Leadership and Organizational Development. Mr. King received the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award in 2007 for sustained superior performance as a Senior Executive.

Luanne Koch, BS, MS

Title of Presentation: Life is Sacred: Methods for Combating Suicide on a Minnesota Indian Reservation.

Luanne Koch is the Behavioral Health Program Coordinator for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division. Ms Koch has over 20 years of experience working with the American Indian population in the capacity of a social worker, counselor and educator.

Robert M. Kolodner, MD

Title of Presentation: A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities

On April 19, 2007, Robert M. Kolodner MD was appointed to the position of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT). He served as the Interim National Coordinator for HIT since September 2006. Dr. Kolodner will continue to lead the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) in making steady progress towards advancing the President's Health IT initiative. His experience in

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patient care, health IT, and government is invaluable to such efforts. Dr. Kolodner comes from the Veterans Health Administration in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where he has been serving as Chief Health Informatics Officer and has been involved with the development and oversight of VistA-VA's electronic health records systems-and My HealtheVet-VA's Personal Health Record for veterans. Dr. Kolodner's long-standing interest in computers led to his early involvement with VA's efforts to use automation in support of mental health care. He was a key clinical leader for the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program, VA's healthcare information system starting in 1983 as chair of the Mental Health special Interest User Group, in 1989 as co-chair of the interdisciplinary Clinical Record Special Interest Users group, and in 1991 as chair of the Clinical Application Requirements Group. In 1993 Dr. Kolodner became the Director of the Medical Information Resources Management Office, leading all health automation activities in VA. In 1996 Dr. Kolodner was selected as Associate Chief Information Officer for Enterprise Strategy in the newly created Office of Information in the Veterans Health Administration. Since 1997 Dr. Kolodner has been actively involved in overseeing, promoting and guiding VA activities related to the establishment of a life-long, comprehensive, computerized clinical record for military personnel and our nation's veterans. He fostered the idea for creation of My Health3Vet- a health portal for veterans and their families to access health information, tools and services via the Internet. He was also instrumental in establishing the Federal Health Information Exchange program-an interagency health technology initiative that supports improving care to veterans-and strengthening the working relationship between VA and the Department of Defense. Dr. Kolodner received his Undergraduate Degree from Harvard College and his Medical Degree from Yale University School of Medicine. He completed a Clinical Fellowship in Medicine at Harvard University School of Medicine and his Psychiatric Residency at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Kolodner has Medical Specialty Board Certification in Psychiatry.

Peter J. Koutoujian, JD, MPA

Title of Presentation: The Role of Legislatures in Adopting Statewide Initiatives to End Health Disparities

Representative Peter J. Koutoujian serves as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health. On the state level, Koutoujian, successfully directed the Legislature to pass legislation that expands access to emergency contraception for rape victims. In 2004, he spear-headed a successful effort to enact a statewide smoking ban and in 2007, he spearhead the State-wide commission to address health disparities. A lawyer by trade, Koutoujian served as prosecutor for Middlesex County before being elected to the Legislature in 1996. Representative Koutoujian earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Bridgewater State College and a Juris Doctorate Degree from the New England School of Law. He most recently obtained a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is also an assistant adjunct professor at the Boston University School of Public Health.

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Michael Lardiere, LCSW

Title of Presentation: A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities

Michael Lardiere, is the Director of Health Information Technology for the National Association of Community Health Center, Senior Advisor for Behavioral Health, was appointed to the Board of Directors of American Health Information Community Successor. AHIC Successor is an independent, sustainable public-private enterprise that brings together the best of the public, non-profit and private sectors in an effort to create a secure interoperable nationwide health information system, or health information technology (HIT). Mr. Lardiere's background in behavioral health is seen as an added bonus for mental health experts and advocates concerned about privacy and HIT.

William Lawson, MD, PhD

Title of Presentation: Bipolar Disorder Outside of Mental Health Settings

William Lawson, PhD is currently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Howard University College of Medicine and Hospital. He is President-elect of the Washington Psychiatric Society, a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. He is past Chair of the Section of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of the National Medical Association, and past president of the Black Psychiatrists of America. Dr. Lawson has received numerous awards for his work including Howard University Faculty Senate Creativity and Research Award, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Exemplary Psychiatrist Award, and the Outstanding Psychologist Award. He was twice named one of "America's Leading Black Doctors" by Black Enterprise Magazine and he was the Andrea Delgado Honoree and Lecturer for the Black Psychiatrists of America. Dr. Lawson as also received the Jeanne Spurlock Award from the American Psychiatric Association, the E.Y. Williams Clinical Scholar of Distinction Award from the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Section of the National Medical Association, and a Multicultural Workplace Award from the Veterans Administration for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of diversity and multicultural understanding.

Charles Lee, MD

Title of Presentation: A National Online Resource for Multi-Language Medication Instructions

Charles Lee, MD is the founder and President of Polyglot Systems, Inc. where he focuses on technology to overcome language and health literacy barriers in our healthcare system. Dr. Lee is board certified in internal medicine and was a National Library of Medicine Fellow in medical informatics at the Duke/UNC program. His expertise during his informatics training was in technology and education. Dr. Lee received his MD from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and his BS from Kent State University. Dr. Lee is also a recipient of the Tibbets Award (2001) from the US Small Business Administration for his prior work. The prestigious Tibbets Award is given to small businesses working in research and development to recognize them as "models of

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excellence" in high technology. In 2007, he was awarded the Health Care Heroes award from the Triangle Business Journal (Raleigh, NC).

Karen Lee, MS

Title of Presentation: Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care: Leadership Motivators, Hospital Accreditation Standards, and a Framework for Action

Karen Lee is a Senior Research Associate in the Division of Standards and Survey Methods working on the *Hospitals, Language, and Culture (HLC)* study. She is a co-author on the HLC report *One Size Does Not Fit All: Meeting the Health Care Needs of Diverse Populations*, which explores the practices that 60 hospitals around the country have adopted to better meet the needs of diverse populations. Ms. Lee is currently working on the HLC study that examines how clinical staff reacts to patients' cultural health beliefs. Prior to joining The Joint Commission, she developed consumer-oriented multimedia education materials on various health topics with State of the Art, Inc. Ms. Lee earned her Master of Science in Public Health from Harvard University, where she focused on issues of health communication and promotion, health disparities, and health literacy.

Kenyatta Y. Lee, MD

Title of Presentation: Diabetes Rapid Access Program (D-RAP)

Kenyatta Lee, MD is Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health and Family Medicine, University of Florida College of Medicine and Assistant Medical Director of the Commonwealth Clinic, Souter Plaza Family Practice and Pediatric Center. Dr. Lee oversees the disease management programs via the registry programs and he is actively involved in the enhancement of quality of care for the Commonwealth Family Practice Group and the clinics that are operated by the Community Affairs Department. Dr. Lee's vision is to make healthcare available to everyone regardless of their financial status or background. Dr. Lee received his undergraduate from Cornell University and his undergraduate medical training at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota and his residency for Family Practice at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

Barbara Lee-Jackson, MPH

Title of Presentation: Managing Chronic Disease: Challenges in Eliminating Disparities: "Promoting Healthy Families Initiative"

As Executive Director of Virgin Islands Perinatal Incorporated (VIPI), Barbara Lee Jackson is responsible for leading and overseeing two community health initiatives operating in the Virgin Islands, namely: "Promoting Healthy Families Initiative" on St. Croix and the "Healthy Families...

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Healthy Babies Initiative" on St. Thomas. "VIPI" is a community based, community driven organization, which Ms. Jackson co-founded with several members of the former Virgin Islands Perinatal Partnership Consortium, the Virgin Island's Healthy Start Initiative in 2003. VIPI and its provider partners continue to shape a responsive system of care to reduce health disparities for low income uninsured families services using outreach, case management and facilitating services to improve their access to primary care services. Prior to that Ms. Jackson was senior management at the local government hospital; program officer for the Bennie and Martha Benjamin Foundation; Executive Director of the V.I. Legal Assistance Foundation; a health care management consultant for the former Ernst & Whinney, University Research Corporation and senior planning analyst the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

Tonya Lewis Lee

Title of Presentation: **Preconception Health: Ordinary Couples Don't Plan Their Pregnancies — Be Extraordinary**

Tonya Lewis Lee *Esq.* received her BA from Sarah Lawrence College in 1988 and her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1991. After practicing law at the firm of Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle in Washington, DC, she turned to writing and producing for television. From 1998 to 2002 she produced Black History Month interstitials for Nickelodeon and Nick at Nite featuring various well-known actors.

In 2002, she co-authored the children's book ***Please Baby Please*** with her husband Spike Lee. She also produced the animated *Just for Me* interstitial ***Please Baby Please***, and in 2005 continued the series with a print follow-up entitled ***Please Puppy Please***. Her work as the Executive Producer of the 2004 documentary film, ***I Sit Where I Want: The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education*** for Noggin/The N garnered Beacon and Parent's Choice Awards, and that same year Lee released her first novel, the national bestseller, ***Gotham Diaries***. Mrs. Lee also served as the Executive Producer for ***Miracle's Boys***, a television mini-series for Noggin/The N which was received to widespread critical acclaim in 2005.

Outspoken on the issues of women and race, Lee has written for **O at Home** and contributed two interviews with first lady Michelle Obama to **Glamour Magazine**. Also, she has served as a consultant to the president of ABC News on general programming, appeared on **Lifetime** television, and now serves on the boards of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Children for Children Foundation.

A mother of two, Mrs. Lee has expanded her advocacy by working as the national spokesperson of the Healthy Baby Campaign, an initiative of the US Department of Health & Human Services' Office of Minority Health aimed at addressing infant mortality rates among communities of color. Lee travels nationwide presenting information, encouragement, and her own anecdotes to healthcare employees and expectant mothers.

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Christine Liang, BS

Title of Presentation: **Innovative Approaches in Providing Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Cancer Education to the Diverse Asian American Community**

Christine Liang is the Cancer Program Coordinator for the Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI), under the Department of Health and Human Services for Montgomery County, Maryland. The AAHI's mission is to develop appropriate health programs to reduce health disparities faced by the diverse group of Asian Americans living in the County. As the Cancer Program Coordinator, Ms. Liang is responsible for the maintenance of the Cancer Program by increasing awareness about the targeted cancers (colorectal, prostate, breast, and cervical) through culturally competent education, providing access to free screening services within the County, and improving patient navigation through screening appointments with the help of Health Promoters. Ms. Liang has experience with educational outreach regarding sexual health and reproductive education through SHARE, a peer organization at the University of Maryland. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Neurobiology and Physiology from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Karen Lincoln, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Healthy Marriage as a Social Determinant of Health: Linking the Relationship between Marital Status and the Health Outcomes for Adults and Children**

Karen Lincoln joined the USC School of Social Work in 2007. Her overarching research agenda examines the well-being of African Americans across the life course, highlighting the interplay between structural factors such as race and socioeconomic status, life stressors like discrimination, and social network factors on mental health. One of her current research projects, which is supported by a K Award from the National Institute of Mental Health, examines the relationship between race, socioeconomic status and depressive symptoms over time. Dr. Lincoln's work is supported by a number of different agencies within the National Institutes of Health, including the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Mental Health. She is a former Hartford Scholar and is currently a scholar with the National Institute of Mental Health's African American Mental Health Research Scientist Program.

Dr. Lincoln has made several professional presentations on her research topics and authored several book chapters and articles examining the relationship between social location and mental health. Her publications appear in *Social Science and Medicine*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journals of Gerontology*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations*, *Social Work*, *Social Service Review*, *Journal of Black Studies*, *Journal of Mental Health and Aging*, and *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

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Hong Liu, PhD, JD

Title of Presentation: Asian Community Survey: Preliminary Findings on Health Disparities and Lessons Learned

Hong Liu, PhD has worked diligently toward improving health and quality of life for Asian populations through policy advocacy and community outreach programs in partnership with Asian community organizations, health care providers, academic institutions, and public health organizations. She is well recognized as a community leader locally and nationally in public health and community health field. Dr. Liu has served on various minority health boards and committees and has received numerous awards for her work including the Public Health Advocacy Award from the Illinois Public Health Association, the Excellent Professional Award from Illinois Secretary of State, the Community Service Excellence Award from the Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago, and the community empowerment award from the Cook County State Attorney. Dr. Lu earned Master's degree in Political Science in 1989, and a PhD in Public Policy Analysis in 1994 from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Oscar López, MS

Title of Presentation: The National Latino/Hispanic AIDS Action Network: Successfully Organizing Service Providers, Community Activists and Consumers to Develop a Latino AIDS Agenda

Oscar Raúl López is the Director of Health Policy for the Latino Commission on AIDS where he advocates to ensure that all Latinos and communities of color have access to HIV prevention, HIV testing and access to care. He has worked in public health for over 20 years as both a private consultant and as director for various non-profits and agencies. Mr. Lopez has developed mobile health units, runaway youth shelters, launched non-profits and has been recognized for his award winning programs for homeless youth, men who have sex with men and Latinos. Mr. Lopez has worked as a Treatment Adherence Specialist for the National Minority AIDS Council, Director of HIV/AIDS Education and Technical Assistance for the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, and as the US Manager for Engender Health. Mr. Lopez provides technical assistance on behalf of several federal agencies and national AIDS organizations.

Steve Lu, BS

Title of Presentation: Asian Pacific American Community Network (APA ComMNet): Improving Accessibility for Diverse Pan Asian Languages in the Healthcare System

Stephen Lu is Director of Media Technology of Asian Media Access. He is experience in the area of cultural competency-outreach methods to refugee communities, especially to Southeast Asians, utilizing cultural communicative practices to inform and empower communities of color. APA ComMNet is his brain child in bridging the technology and health education for the digital divided.

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Mr. Lu has extensive experience in developing health messages in various languages. He also teaches web/graphic design, information technology and communication classes for the St. Paul and Minneapolis School Districts. He has conducted annual survey and focus groups to assess the best communication strategies for Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Limited English Proficiency members, since 2003. Mr. Lu received his BS from the University of Iowa.

Jacqueline Lucas, BA, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Understanding Federal Data Systems: An Overview of the Collection, Analysis and Reporting of Race and Ethnicity Data**

Title of Presentation: **Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities**

Jacqueline Lucas is a health statistician and an epidemiologist in the Division of Health Interview Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics where she has worked for over 13 years. She is the lead analyst and a Center expert on race and Hispanic origin data collection in the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Ms. Lucas' interest and expertise are: racial and ethnic data and minority health issues. She has produced several publications on immigrant health, and conducted research looking at diabetes prevalence in immigrant and non-immigrant populations. She is currently conducting research on breast cancer and prostate cancer screening in immigrant populations. Ms. Lucas research interests have recently expanded to included infectious disease epidemiology, specifically, Hepatitis B immunizations in the US adult population.

Armine Lulejian, MS, MPH, CHES

Title of Presentation: **HIT and Health Disparities: An Unintended Consequence?**

Marilyn Lynk, PhD

Title of Presentation: **The Center on Health Disparities at Adventist HealthCare: A local Approach to Address Disparities**

Marilyn Lynk, PhD is Program Manager at the Center on Health Disparities at Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Maryland. She is responsible for developing strategies to (1) improve access to and quality of health care services for underserved populations, (2) create an effective health disparities research program, (3) organize, develop, and facilitate health care professional and employee training and education programs, and (4) obtain funding to support Center programs and initiatives. Before joining Adventist HealthCare, Dr. Lynk was a program officer at the National Academies of Science and is an editor of Measuring Racial Discrimination, a scientific report of the National Research Council on methods for measuring racial discrimination in various domains. Her other publications has been on issues such as cultural competence in health care, leadership development and organizational behavior, and workplace diversity. Dr. Lynk earned her degrees in psychology from University at Albany, State University of New York (BA), and Yale University (MS and PhD).

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Nancy Mann, MEd

Title of Presentation: Representing Many Cultures: The Search for More Diversity in Recruiting Dental Hygiene Students Through AHEC (Area Health Education Center)

Nancy K Mann is Clinical Associate Professor in dental hygiene at Indiana University, Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she specializes in dental public health, periodontics, and community dental hygiene with a special interest in tobacco cessation and service learning. A major focus of her academic career has been improving opportunities for dental care among underserved population groups and improving career opportunities for potential students from local minority communities. Through her Dental Public Health and Community Dental Hygiene classes she has developed a partnership with the Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Center for service learning projects that include educational and clinical outreach to underserved populations including a substantial refugee population and the nearby Amish community. Ms. Mann also teaches an introductory course for prospective students with the goal of recruiting underrepresented students into dentistry and Trans-cultural Health care. In 2008 she co-chaired the Healthy Cities Health Fair in Fort Wayne which serves the underserved community with free medical screenings. She also serves as the Indiana Tobacco Initiative Specialist for the American Dental Hygienists' Association. For these and other community activities, the Indiana Dental Hygienists' Association recognized Ms. Mann as Community Dental Hygienist of the Year in 2003. Prior to her American academic career, she worked in Korea for three years co-founding a successful dental hygiene program. Ms. Mann holds an Associate Degree in dental hygiene from East Tennessee State University, a Bachelors degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and a Masters of Science from Indiana University.

Janet Marchibroda, MBA

Title of Presentation: A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities

Janet Marchibroda is the Chief Executive Officer of the eHealth Initiative and its Foundation, both Washington, D.C.-based independent, national non-profit organizations whose missions are to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare through information and information technology. The eHealth Initiative is a multi-stakeholder member organization—representing clinicians, employers, health plans, healthcare IT suppliers, hospitals and other healthcare providers, consumer groups, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, public health organizations, standards bodies, and academic institutions—that develops consensus among multiple and diverse stakeholders on strategies that will drive better healthcare for patients through the use of information technology. Through the eHealth Initiative Foundation, the organization provides financial and technical support to state, regional and community-based multi-stakeholder collaborative across the nation who is mobilizing health information electronically to support patient care.

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Ms. Marchibroda previously served as the Executive Director of Connecting for Health—a public-private sector initiative funded and led by the Markle Foundation and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—which is designed to catalyze actions on a national basis to drive electronic connectivity and create an interconnected, electronic health information infrastructure. In addition, she was recognized in 2005 as one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine and in 2006 for the Federal Computer Week Top 100 Award. Prior to the eHealth Initiative, Ms. Marchibroda co-founded and served as Chief Operating Officer for two health care information organizations, one which focuses on providing patient safety and compliance information to physicians and the other—a Bertelsmann AG subsidiary—which focuses on providing electronic publishing services to the payer community to support member information needs. She also served as the interim Chief Operating Officer for the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. Ms. Marchibroda also served as the Chief Operating Officer of the National Committee for Quality Assurance, an organization devoted to evaluating and improving the quality of health care for Americans—where she was responsible for accreditation of healthcare organizations, education programs, the national HEDIS database, electronic information products, strategic planning, human resources, finance, and administration. She holds a BS in Commerce from the University of Virginia and an MBA with a concentration in organization development from George Washington University.

Louis Marino, MS

Title of Presentation: **Health Literacy and Limited English-Proficiency Immigrants: Improving the Health Status of Foreign-Born Immigrants Living in the United States**

Louis Marino has worked extensively with migrant and seasonal farm workers to help them obtain GEDs and transition to jobs and/or postsecondary education. He has led the Diabetes Disparities Project for Latinos, African Americans, and migrant farm workers in New Jersey for three years and a Section 304 rehabilitation vocational program for migrant and seasonal farm workers with disabilities for seven. He has overall 19 years' experience providing health programs to Latinos in Cumberland County, earning the state's recognition of the Diabetes Project. He testified as an expert in March 2008 before the Governor's Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy and before the U.S. Congress on the lives of Latino farm workers with disabilities. Mr. Marino served on a state task force in 2007 for an initiative on Training in Language and Culture to Improve Healthcare Communications. Mr. Marino also served as a Drug Treatment Specialist for the US Department of Justice, counseling Hispanic HIV-positive inmates and received numerous distinctions, including Community Service Awards in 1997 and 1998 for his work with minority youth. He also has held several positions including an Investigator (US Equal Opportunity Employment Commission), a General Investigator (US Department of Education), and Multi-Cultural Resource Teacher (Camden, NJ), and Claims Examiner (US Department of Labor).

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Lindsey Marshall, MPP

Title of Presentation: Public Hospital Models of Reducing Health Care Disparities

Lindsey Marshall joined the National Association of Public Hospitals and National Public Health and Hospital Institute research team in February 2007 as a Research Associate, and has conducted several studies looking at public hospitals and their efforts to treat obesity and diabetes. She also examined the role of public hospitals in reducing racial and ethnic health care disparities. Ms. Marshall holds a BA degree in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Public Policy, with a concentration in health policy, from the American University.

Gail Mattox, MD

Title of Presentation: Empowering and Engaging Students on HBCU Campuses as Leaders and Peer Educators in Mental Health: An Approach to Address Mental Health Disparities

Gail Mattox, MD joined the faculty at Morehouse School of Medicine in 1989. She serves as Chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine and holds the rank of Professor of Clinical Psychiatry. Dr. Mattox is Project Director for the HBCU Center for Excellence in Substance Abuse and Mental Health which was recently established at Morehouse School of Medicine through a cooperative agreement with SAMHSA. Dr. Mattox was instrumental in obtaining funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to establish the Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Resource Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Infrastructure Development at Morehouse School of Medicine from 2005-2008.

Dr. Mattox received her MD degree with honors from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. She completed a Pediatric Residency at Hubbard Hospital in Nashville, TN, followed by a Child Psychiatry Fellowship and General Psychiatry training at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Mattox is actively involved in numerous professional and community organizations and is the recipient of several awards for leadership, teaching and community service.

Aletha K. Maybank, MPH, MD

Title of Presentation: Implementing CLAS: A Local Health Department's Journey

Aletha Maybank, MD serves on the faculty in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the SUNY/Stony Brook School of Medicine as a Clinical Instructor, teaching medical students and preventive medicine residents on topics related to health inequities and the value of being a culturally competent physician. In 2005 Dr. Maybank helped establish the Suffolk County Department of Health Office of Minority Health (OMH) and served as its Director. Under her

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guidance the Suffolk County OMH works directly with communities to build relationships that encourage equitable interactions thereby aiding OMH to create, implement, and provide programs that effectively meet the needs of minority communities. In 2008 due its commitment to reducing health disparities, the Suffolk County OMH was accepted by the US DHHS/Office of Minority Health, as a partner of the National Partnership for Action (NPA) to End Health Disparities. Dr. Maybank is also a member of the Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities for the Medical Society of New York. Dr. Maybank received her BS from Johns Hopkins University and her MD from Temple University School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Schneider Children's Hospital in Long Island, NY and then worked as a hospitalist in the neonatal intensive care unit for two years. Dr. Maybank began a second residency in Preventive Medicine at SUNY-Stony Brook University and received a Masters in Public Health from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in Health Policy and Management.

Maria Mayzel, MPA

Title of Presentation: Incorporating the Use of Lay Health Workers in a Culturally Competent Model of Prenatal Care

Ms. Mayzel is a Prenatal Patient Advocate with the Whitman Walker Clinic Prenatal Program. She has been volunteering with the program since early 2004 and currently serves as the Volunteer Coordinator. Ms. Mayzel is a BSN candidate currently studying at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She is a volunteer birth doula with the DC Family Health and Birth Center and aspires to become a Certified Nurse Midwife. She holds both a BS and MPA from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Sheila P. Merriweather, MPH, CDR, USPHS

Title of Presentation: Surgeon General's Overweight and Obesity Prevention Student Roundtable

Sheila P. Merriweather is a Senior Program Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, (ASPR), Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations (OPEO) in Washington, DC. On January 2, 2002, she was commissioned as a Lieutenant Commander into the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Since then, she has been promoted to the rank of Commander. CDR Merriweather serves as a Senior Program Analyst for the Training Exercises and Lessons Learned Team, with responsibilities for developing and implementing training programs for ASPR. In that capacity she works with senior management to support the effective and efficient HHS-wide response to public health threats and emergencies through the Secretary's Operations Center and coordinates the designing and conducting of HHS public health emergency related educational activities, including those initiated by the Department of Homeland Security or other non-HHS agencies. Prior to joining the ASPR team, CDR Merriweather was a Public Health Analyst in the Office of Minority Health, Office of the Secretary. In that position she coordinated all

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of the HIV/AIDS activities for the office and was the National Director for the Rapid Assessment, Response and Evaluation project. In addition to being an officer in the United States Public Health Service, CDR Merriweather has been an Adjunct Professor at Prince Georges' Community College since 2001. CDR Merriweather completed a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Medical Sociology at Howard University and a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Marian McDonald, DrPH

Title of Presentation: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases

Marian McDonald has served as Associate Director for Minority & Women's Health for the National Center for Infectious Diseases (now NCPDCID) since coming to CDC in 2002. She has worked in minority health and women's health for three decades as an educator, scientist, and advocate. At CDC she has served on the CDC Director's Health Equity Work Group since 2007. She co-founded and served as elected co-chair of the CCID Health Disparities Council, and served 2003-2005 as the elected co-chair of the Minority Initiatives Coordinating Committee (CAMILCC). She spearheaded and chaired the first International Conference on Women and Infectious Disease (ICWID), held in Atlanta February 2004, and was chair of the second ICWID conference in March 2006. Dr. McDonald has worked extensively in Latino/Hispanic health since the nineties, founding a number of Latino health groups in New Orleans. Formerly a professor at Tulane's School of Public Health, she worked with the National Black Women's Health Project REACH 2010 "In the Heart of New Orleans" Project. She founded and directed the Women's Healthy Pages Project, which created the award-winning multicultural *Women's Healthy Pages*. She is a longtime member of APHA's Latino Caucus. Her awards include nomination for the Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Contributions to Minority Health (HHS's highest minority health award); CDC/ATSDR's Health Equity Mentor/Champion Award (CDC's highest such award); and the Award for Distinguished Service to the Greater New Orleans Latino Community. She is a member of Delta Omega, the National Public Health Honor Society.

Laura E. McTighe, MTS

Title of Presentation: Building Community Leadership to Address Minority Health Disparities at the Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Imprisonment

Laura McTighe, MTS, as founding Director of Prison Services for Philadelphia FIGHT, Ms. McTighe has spent five years living and working alongside people with HIV who were formerly imprisoned. In her research and organizing efforts, Ms. McTighe continues to focus on building community-led responses to address the HIV and imprisonment crises. She has joined the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP) to launch Project UNSHACKLE, an emerging national network to support community organizing at the intersection of HIV and imprisonment. Ms. McTighe has also

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entered into a collaborative partnership to developed TEACH Outside, a community organizing program supporting people through the difficult transition home and building their leadership in movements to end the AIDS epidemic and transform the criminal justice system. Highlights of this work include the creation of Prison Health News, a newsletter written by and for people who are imprisoned; the establishment of Beyond the Walls: Prison Health Care Summit, and the establishment of the Prison Health Care Reentry Network, a city-wide advocacy network, bringing together over 500 individual and organizational members. Ms. McTighe is also completing a manuscript exploring HIV/AIDS, gender justice and economic justice through the stories of Muslim women living with HIV. She earned her Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and her Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Haverford College.

Lawrence Mitchell Merin, MA

Title of Presentation: **Project TennesSEWell: Equity of care in a statewide diabetic retinopathy screening program**

Lawrence Merin is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University and is Director of the Vanderbilt Ophthalmic Imaging Center. Mr. Merin leads a university-based program of screening for diabetic eye disease among the underserved in Tennessee. He has worked in clinical and research applications of ophthalmic imaging for over 32 years. Mr. Merin is the only American to have been awarded Fellowship in the Institute of Medical Illustrators (London) by thesis submission. He is also a Fellow of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society and the BioCommunications Association. Mr. Merin served as Chairman of the International Conference on Ophthalmic Photography (ICOP'90) in Singapore, has lectured extensively at many national and international meetings, and has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed papers and seven book chapters. Most recently, he has engaged members of the United States Congress, healthcare agencies, physicians and patient groups on the need for a nationwide deployment of retinopathy screening. Mr. Merin is a graduate of Wayne State University.

Marilyn Metzler, RN

Title of Presentation: **Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases**

Marilyn Metzler is a social determinants of health analyst with the Community Health and Program Services Branch in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is a co-author of "Promoting Health Equity: A Resource to Help Communities Address the Social Determinants of Health," leads the development of a social context module for CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and is the CDC lead on a team of federal agencies and private partners that is refining and updating the Community Health Status Indicators project, a resource for monitoring and assessing community health. She is a member of the CDC Health Equity Work Group and a founder and acting co-chair of the CDC Social

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Determinants of Health Equity Work Group. She has been on the Community Indicators Consortium Board of Directors since 2005 and has served as secretary during that time. Before arriving at CDC in 1999, Marilyn was Regional Director of Community Health Education at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire.

Dodi Meyer, MD

Title of Presentation: **Bridging the Communication Gap between Medical Providers and Patients**

Dodi Meyer, MD is Associate Clinical Professor in Pediatrics at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, Columbia University and Attending Physician at Morgan Stanley New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia campus. Dr. Meyer's main interest is in community pediatrics, cultural competency and in creating and implementing ways of teaching and training both medical students and pediatric residents in the field, using Service Learning as the main educational methodology. As director of community pediatric she oversees several population health initiatives. She is currently the co-director of Health Schools Healthy Families, an elementary school health program with an emphasis on obesity prevention. Dr. Meyer is a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires, Medical School and arrived to the US in 1988 to do her training in General Pediatrics.

Tonya R. Moody

Title of Presentation: **Innovative Practices in Multicultural Health Care: Health Plan and Employer Initiatives**

Tonya R. Moody is the Associate Vice President of Health Promotion and Program Development with in the Public Affairs and Marketing department at Keystone Mercy Health Plan. The Public Affairs department is comprised of the Health Promotion, Marketing, and Community Relations. Tonya's career span has been with Keystone Mercy Health Plan for the past 20 years. Tonya started her career at Mercy Health Plan, (MHP) in November, 1989 in the Marketing Department. As the Director of Marketing, Tonya received awards for record-breaking sales and exemplary Leadership. Tonya obtained a position in 1996 as the Director of Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and Outreach Services for Keystone Mercy Health Plan (KMHP). In this role Tonya was responsible for educating parents about the importance of EPSDT screening in accordance to age appropriateness based on the periodicity schedule. Tonya also assisted the Marketing Expansions department with start up projects for the development of new lines of businesses for Medicaid Managed Care Markets at Gateway Health Plan (Pittsburgh), Care Partners (St. Louis, Missouri), Pass Port Health Plan (Kentucky), Horizon (New Jersey) and Select Health Plan (South Carolina). With in this role Tonya also developed, implemented and expanding the Medicare Part D program for the PerformRx Pharmacy Benefit Management line of business.

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Adil Moiduddin

Title of Presentation: A Dialogue on Opportunities for HIT and Underserved Communities

Adil Moiduddin is a Senior Research Scientist and Associate Director of Health Care Research at the National Opinion Research Center, a social science research organization affiliated with the University of Chicago. Mr. Moiduddin is a health services researcher and consultant with expertise in a range of health care delivery, financing and public health topics. Over the last several years he has focused on health information technology and health information exchange projects. Mr. Moiduddin has directed evaluations of programs related to personal health records, e-Prescribing, telehealth, RHIOs and related initiatives. Mr. Moiduddin has also conducted projects aimed to establish policy and programmatic strategies to promote HIT and HIE among safety net providers and rural health care providers. His clients include the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.

Candace Muggerud, BA

Title of Presentation: GoodHealthTV

Candace Muggerud is the CEO of KAT Communications, Inc., a social marketing firm specializing in programs to population segments with health disparities. KAT has been in business since 1989.

Ranell Myles, MPH

Title of Presentation: Use of Health Disparities Measures in Describing Disparities in HIV/AIDS: A Systematic Review

Ranell received her BA in Psychology from Spelman College and her MPH from the University of Southern California (USC). She is currently working on her PhD in Sociology at Georgia State University. She is also currently working as a research fellow under the mentorship of Dr. Hazel Dean in the Office of the Director at CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention.

Leo J. Nolan III, MEd

Title of Presentation: Addressing American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities into the 21st Century

Leo J. Nolan III, MEd, serves as Senior Policy Analyst – External Affairs for the Office of the Director, Indian Health Service and as the Acting Executive Director of the Intradepartmental Council for Native American Affairs for the US Department of Health and Human Services and has been with IHS in various capacities since 1986. Mr. Nolan began his federal government career with the Indian

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Education Program in HEW and then the Department of Education, and has also worked at the BIA's Indian Education Program, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and in the State University of New York system. Mr. Nolan is from the Onondaga Nation and is an enrolled member of the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation and has degrees from Syracuse University and the Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Nolan is a member of the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Board and former Interim Executive Director, member of American University's Washington Interns for Native Students Program, a member of the Haskell Indian Nations University RED (research, evaluation and dissemination) Center, and advisor to the Tewaaraton Lacrosse Award Foundation.

Annabelle Nunez, MA

Title of Presentation: Libraries as Partners in Reducing Health Disparities

Annabelle Nunez is on staff at the Arizona Health Sciences Library (AHSL) in Tucson, Arizona. Ms. Nunez specializes in serving the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health (MEZCOPH) as a liaison librarian. She is involved in community-campus research with faculty and students, and works to improve access to Hispanic, border, cross-cultural, bilingual and culturally appropriate patient/consumer information services for campus and Arizona clients. In this capacity, Ms. Núñez developed a Hispanic health website that centralizes special information for students, educators, health professionals and the community. She promotes AHSL's outreach efforts by collaborating with the county health department, public library system, MEZCOPH and key community stakeholders on developing workshops on public health information. Ms. Núñez mentors Knowledge River interns at AHSL, and is serving as an advisor to KR student-mentors in WE Search, a teen community health information institute. Ms. Núñez is a member of the Pima County Public Library Advisory Board, Knowledge River Institute Steering Advisory Group, Medical Library Association, REFORMA, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Independent Citizen's Committee for the Tucson Unified School District, and the Tucson Police Department - Division Advisory Committee. Ms. Núñez earned her M.A. as a School of Information Resources and Library Science Knowledge River (KR) Scholar in 2003.

Benjamin Ortiz, MD

Title of Presentation: The Harlem Children's Zone Asthma Initiative: From Home to School to Hospital. A Model of Community-Based Participatory Research

Benjamin Ortiz, MD is currently Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Clinical Population and Family Health, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Mailman School of Public Health, and Assistant Attending Physician, Harlem Hospital Center, Department of Pediatrics. He was appointed to the faculty of the Mailman School of Public Health in 2007. Dr. Ortiz serves as a general pediatrician for the children of Central and East Harlem, Washington Heights and the South

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Bronx who receive Pediatric care in the Harlem Hospital Pediatric Ambulatory Center. He is co-Principal Investigator and Medical Director of the Harlem Children's Zone Asthma Initiative, co-Principal Investigator for the Northern Manhattan Asthma Basics for Children Initiative and Medical Director of the Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment program at Harlem Hospital. He is a consultant to the American Lung Association of the City of New York and the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, a member of numerous advisory boards such as the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University, the Harlem Health Promotion Center and the New York State Health Foundation. Dr. Ortiz graduated from Columbia University in 1992, majoring in Biochemistry. He began his medical studies in 1994 at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Ortiz completed his post-graduate Pediatric training at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in 2001.

Guadalupe Pacheco, MSW

Title of Presentation: Office of Minority Health's Cultural Competency Curriculum in Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response: A Tool to Mitigate Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Disasters

Guadalupe Pacheco serves as a Public Health Advisor and Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, US Department of Health and Human Services. He has occupied mid-level and senior level management positions in State and Federal government agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations, focusing on health and human services program and policy issues. In his current capacity as Special Assistant to the Director for Minority Health, Mr. Pacheco is responsible for managing multiple projects that address health disparities of racial and ethnic minority communities. He staffs cultural competency activities through the Office of Minority Health's Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care. Additionally, he staffs and coordinates initiatives and program activities that enhance service delivery to Hispanic Americans. Mr. Pacheco received his B.A. and M.S.W. from California State University of Fresno.

Fahina Pasi, BS

Title of Presentation: Walking the Walk: Implementation of a Successful Physical Activity Program Among Utah Pacific Islanders

Fahina Pasi is the executive director of the National Tongan American Society. Ms. Pasi also serves as an academic advisor to minority students at the University of Utah. Ms. Pasi has been integral in hosting numerous educational conferences, symposiums, cultural programs, and scholarship fundraisers. She is a member of the State Polynesian Advisory Council, Polynesian Association of Utah Board, NAPAH, Polynesian Art Society, PTA, Salt Lake City Little League, West Valley City Advisory Council, and the Tanner Humanitarian Council. Ms. Pasi's experience speaks well of her integrity towards educational excellence, and making a positive difference in the lives of others.

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Priti Patel, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Language of Drugs: Language Access in Pharmacies

Priti N. Patel, PharmD, BCPS is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. John's University College of Pharmacy in New York City. Her clinical practice site is at the St. John's University Drug Information Center, where she serves as its director. Her areas of focus include drug information, health literacy, cultural competency, and celiac disease. Priti has been involved in several projects regarding pharmaceutical care for Limited English Proficient patients, including collaborations with the New York Academy of Medicine, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the National Health Law Program, and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations. She has presented her results of the projects at the American Pharmacists Association and has published the research in the Journal of Urban Health. She also currently provides education on the care of LEP patients to practicing pharmacists through presenting continuing education programs at St. John's University. Priti joined that faculty at St. John's after obtaining her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2003 and completing a Drug Information residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

Carol Payne, MSN

Title of Presentation: Healthy Hearts in Public Housing: Promoting Cardiovascular Health Through Collaborative Interagency Partnerships

Carol Payne is an Operations Specialist in the Baltimore Field Office with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Payne focuses her efforts in the areas of affordable housing, community development, and the integration of health and housing policy. In this capacity, she led the development of a federal- state-local interagency collaborative "Healthy Hearts in Public Housing" designed to promote cardiovascular health in Baltimore City's public housing communities, and to train housing residents as community health workers. This community-specific project funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute links HUD's goal of family self-sufficiency with the US Surgeon General's goal of eliminating health disparities, and increasing the quality and years of life for all Americans. Currently, Ms. Payne is co-leading the Public Housing Health Initiative, a national partnership among HUD, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the Bureau of Primary Health Care/HRSA to expand the tenets of the Healthy Hearts Model. The national pilot of this partnership will be implemented in Phoenix, Boston, Fayetteville, New Orleans and Washington, DC. In 2005, Ms. Payne was recognized by the Maryland Daily Record as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. She is a member of the American Public Health Association, the American Nurses Association and inaugural member of the Baltimore City Place Matters Collaborative for Health Equity. Ms. Payne is a graduate of the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Training Program for leaders in housing and community development. She holds a master's degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins University, and is pursuing a doctorate in urban public health at Morgan State University.

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Susan Philliber, PhD

Title of Presentation: Designing Evaluation into Health Disparity-Reduction Programs

Dr. Susan Philliber, one of the founders and senior partners in Philliber Research Associates, has some 30 years experience in evaluation and basic research. Dr. Philliber received her PhD in sociology and demography from Florida State University and has been on the faculty at the University of Utah, the University of Cincinnati and at Columbia University where she currently holds an appointment as an adjunct professor. She is extensively published and is well known for her ability to make evaluation and program planning comprehensible to those who lack formal statistical training. Dr. Philliber has been the lead evaluator on several national projects in youth development, teen pregnancy, school achievement, community development, juvenile crime prevention, and other areas of human service delivery. Her experience in Title X programs is extensive since she has worked with Planned Parenthood affiliates all over the United States and with the National Federation, and she has worked in any number of clinics in health departments, hospitals, and schools. Her evaluation firm includes some 50 employees with offices in California, Memphis and Harlem, NY, in addition to the office in Ulster County NY.

Bounthanh L. Phommasathit, MS

Title of Presentation: There is Room at the Table for Everyone: Creating Public-Private Collaborations

Ms. Phommasathit is Program Coordinator for Ohio Commission on Minority Health. Her roles at local, state, and regional levels center on program development, project management, community health planning and development with focus on building strong communities. Her interest in public health is driven by concerns for health status of refugees/immigrants from Southeast Asia. Her firsthand experience as a refugee/immigrant to United States provides her with unique insight into language and cultural barriers, and health issues experienced by others. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Capital University - Columbus, Ohio and a Master of Science in Human Services Management from Franklin University - Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Phommasathit participates in numerous committees and advisory committees including: Community Advisory Committee Member - Ohio Action for Healthy Kids; Ohio Asian Health Coalition; Asian Festival; Lao Mutual Assistance Association; National Tobacco Free Advocacy - Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership. A member of Immigrant/Refugee Women's Health, Ohio Refugee Advisory Council, Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Ohio Diabetes Alliance, and All Hazards Advisory Committee.

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Anne Marie Poblador, BA

Title of Presentation: **Improving the Level of Health Education and Outreach to Accommodate the Needs of the Diverse Asian American Community — the Health Promoters Program.**

Anne Marie Poblador is the Outreach Coordinator for the Asian American Health Initiative, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. She is responsible for the maintenance of the Health Promoter's Program and assists in organizing health fairs in diverse Asian American communities in the County. Ms. Poblador earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in International Affairs from Trinity University in Washington, DC.

Rachel Poulain, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick**

Rachel Poulain is Director of Outreach for California Newsreel, the country's oldest non-profit documentary production and distribution center and Associate Producer for UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? Ms. Poulain's responsibilities include defining and planning engagement opportunities, developing partnerships with organizations throughout the nation who represent a range of sectors working from the local to the national levels; and creating additional tools to support partner screening events. Previously Ms. Poulain worked as an advocate for school-based health care at the California School Health Centers Association, and as a research and communications associate at PolicyLink, identifying best practices to reduce health disparities. Ms. Poulain currently teaches a documentary for social justice filmmaking course at San Francisco State University.

Christine Rangen

Title of Presentation: **Latino Adolescents' Perceptions of Mental Health Resources: Uncovering Actual and Potential Barriers and Facilitators to Care**

Christine Rangen is a senior honors nursing student in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Ms. Rangen is a McNair Scholar. Her research is focused on Latino adolescent's perceptions of mental health resources. Ms. Rangen areas of interest include nursing-midwifery, public health, and mental health care.

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Tanya Pagan Raggio-Ashley, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Empowering Adolescents for Better Health: A HRSA Perspective**

Tanya Pagán Raggio-Ashley, MD MPH is the Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Chief Medical Officer United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. She previously served as the Senior Advisor for the Bureau of Health Professions and its Division Director of Medicine and Dentistry. Immediately prior to joining the Bureau of Health Professions Dr. Pagán Raggio-Ashley served as associate professor of medicine at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education City University of New York, an accelerated BS/MD program. Dr. Pagán Raggio-Ashley is double boarded in Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. She was awarded her Bachelors of Science and Doctorate of Medicine degrees from Rutgers University. She trained in pediatrics at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in New York City. She completed a cardiovascular epidemiology fellowship and was awarded a Masters in Public Health from University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Pagán Raggio-Ashley started the first school based health program for adolescents in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and was the chief physician for the Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg public school districts. She was a consultant to the AETC in Pittsburgh on adolescents and HIV. Dr. Raggio has dedicated her life to eliminating health disparities via education, training and service. Dr. Pagán Raggio-Ashley has served in one or more of the following capacities training, mentoring, caring for patients, directing, consulting and reviewing grants for a range of USDHHS HRSA funded programs including but not limited to Community, Migrant and Rural Health Centers; HIV/AIDS, Health Care for the Homeless, Healthy Start, School Based, Primary Care Medical Education and the National Health Service Corps.

Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MBA

Title of Presentation: **Leadership in Minority Health Policy**

Joan Y. Reede, MD was appointed as the first Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School (HMS) in January 2002. Dr. Reede is responsible for the development and management of a comprehensive program that provides leadership, guidance, and support to promote the increased recruitment, retention and advancement of underrepresented minority faculty at HMS. This charge includes oversight of all diversity activities at HMS as they relate to faculty, trainees, students, and staff. Dr. Reede is Director of the HMS Minority Faculty Development Program and Converge: Building Inclusion in the Sciences through Research, funded by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation. Dr. Reede has designed and implemented numerous programs to benefit minority students, residents, scientists, and physicians. These programs address pipeline and leadership issues for minorities and women who are interested in careers in medicine, academic and scientific research, and the healthcare professions. Supported by a dedicated staff, she has developed mentoring programs for underrepresented minority students from the middle school through the graduate and medical school levels; designed training programs for middle and high school teachers, developed science curricula for public schools, implemented research and

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exchange clerkship programs at HMS; and designed and implemented three innovative fellowships in minority health policy for physicians, dentists and doctoral-level mental health professionals. Dr. Reede holds the appointments of Associate Professor of Medicine at HMS, Associate Professor of Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Assistant in Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Reede is a graduate of Brown University and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins University Hospital and a child psychiatry fellowship at Children's Hospital in Boston. She also holds an MPH and an MS in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Edecia Richards, CDR, RN, MSN

Title of Presentation: **Never on My Watch Again! Joing Forces to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities**

CDR Edecia Richards is the Regional Program Consultant for the Health and Human Services' Region IV (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee), the Department's largest region. She serves as the Principal Title X Federal Public Health Consultant to the Assistant Surgeon General Admiral Clara H. Cobb, who reports directly to the Surgeon General of the United States. She provides executive level leadership in policy development, planning, implementation, grant funding and monitoring, and evaluation of the Title X federal Family Planning Program within the aforementioned Southeastern states. The family planning program is designed to protect and promote the health of childbearing women, allowing them the ability to decide if and when they want to have children. Commander Richard's broad public health perspective is the result of 26 years of experience working across a myriad of programs within the US Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, and working with state and local health officials and community leaders. She began her military career in the US Public Health Service in 2000 as a Lieutenant (LT) Clinical Nurse in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She provided primary care to the inmates assigned to U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2002, she was reassigned to U. S. Food and Drug Administration as an Investigator in the Biologics Department and conducted inspections of transfusion and blood donor centers. Additionally, she conducted investigations into transfusion related fatalities. From 2004 to 2005, she served a tour of duty with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a nurse consultant, where she provided clinical oversight to HRSA funded Institutions of Higher learning, Community Health and Migrant Health Centers. In 2005, she was promoted to Commander and reassigned to the Office of the Secretary in Region IV as the Regional Program Consultant for the Federal Title X Family Planning Program. CDR Richards is a readily deployable asset within the Region IV Rapid Deployment Readiness Force-three (RDF-3), through which she maintain readiness to respond to public health disaster and emergencies within twelve hours. CDR Richards has responded to hurricanes in 2003, 2004, and in 2005, where she served as a nurse clinician for the unprecedented Hurricane Katrina. CDR Richards received her Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from New York City Technical in

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Brooklyn, New York, prior to receiving her Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas in 1991. CDR Richards completed her MSN, as a Nurse Educator from the University of Phoenix. She has received 14 Uniformed Service Awards including five Outstanding Unit Commendations and Citations; Individual Commendation Medal; 1 Achievement Medal; 1 Hazardous Duty Medal; 3 Crisis Response Service Ribbons; Office of the Secretary Badge; Field Medical Readiness Badge; Commissioned Corps Training Ribbon; and the Regular Corps Ribbon.

Morrissa Rice, MHA

Title of Presentation: Bright Futures for Women's Health & Wellness: Fostering Patient-Provider Relationships

Morrissa received a BS in Biology from Spelman College, Atlanta, GA and a MHA from Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. She began her public health career at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department in 2000. While at the health department for five years she was involved in a program to increase physical activity and good nutrition among minority women. In addition, Morrissa conducted food safety inspections for the health department and is a registered sanitarian. She also worked as a Disease Interventions Specialist, assisting those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and other STIs. Morrissa began her federal career in November 2005 and was commissioned as a United States Public Health Service officer in March 2007. She currently works in the HRSA Office of Women's Health focusing on the aspects of women's health issues across the lifespan. She has coordinated women's health activities to address HIV/AIDS, violence, physical activity, healthy eating and emotional wellness.

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH

Title of Presentation: The National Hispanic Medical Association and US DHHS Office of Minority Health Health Disparities and Hispanics Leadership Summit Series, 2008, Federal Policy Recommendations

Elena Rios, MD is the President/CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), representing Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's Foundation affiliated with the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, to direct educational and research activities. In addition, she is also Chair of the National Coalition on Hispanic Health. Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional/Minority Women's Health for the US DHHS Office on Women's Health(1994-1998); appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as Coordinator of Outreach Groups at the White House in 1993; and worked for the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development in 1992. Dr. Rios has also served on numerous committees/task forces including the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, Stanford Alumni Association and Women's Policy Inc. Boards of Directors,

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the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda and Campaign Against Obesity Boards of Directors, and the AMA Disparities Commission. Dr. Rios has lectured, published and has received several leadership awards from the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses, APHA Latino Caucus, Association of Hispanic Health Executives, Hispanic Magazine, Verizon and Amerimed. Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University in October 2006. She was also awarded the 2008 Health Advocacy and Policy Award.

Desiree Rivers, PhD, MSPH

Title of Presentation: **The Science of Patient Navigation: Approaches, Strategies and Lessons Learned**

Dr. Desiree A. Rivers is a health educator, health policy analyst and cancer health disparities researcher at the Moffitt Cancer Center. Dr. Rivers received training at the National Institutes of Health-funded, Center for the Study of Health Disparities at Texas A&M University. She has conducted healthcare disparities research examining access to, quality and utilization of healthcare services among minority and low-income populations. Dr. Rivers' research interests include patient-provider communication, patient healthy literacy, health policy and advocacy, and uptake of health technology, such as genetic services, GIS and experimental treatments. Currently, Dr. Rivers serves as a Postdoctoral Fellow, participating in research and advocacy efforts, conducted by the National Cancer Institute-funded, Moffitt-based Patient Navigation Research Program. To date, she has published and presented numerous papers describing the health conditions of underserved populations, particularly low-income, African-Americans and Hispanics, disproportionately affected by health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Candace Robertson, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Women's Health & Incarceration: Curricular Development with the Woman at the Center**

Candace Robertson, MPH, received her BS in Biology from Villanova University and her Master's of Public Health from MCP Hahnemann University. She is currently the Research Manager at the Women's Health Education Program, Drexel University College of Medicine. Ms. Robertson has participated in research focused on the epidemiology of adolescent violence in urban centers such as Philadelphia, cultural competence, barriers to the inclusion of minorities in research, nutrition, vulnerable populations and the incarceration epidemic. Her primary research interests include exploring health disparities particularly those issues affecting women, minorities and adolescents. Ms. Robertson also ensures that all Drexel College of Medicine third year Clerks as well as first year students receive training on intimate partner violence screening strategies in clinical venues. She has conducted workshops on several women's health topics in various community settings including workshop series at the Riverside Correctional Facility, the women's prison in the

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Philadelphia Prison System. She has also developed evaluation tools and has presented at regional and national conferences. She is currently enrolled in the doctoral of public health program at Drexel University, School of Public Health and is also adjunct faculty member of Eastern University.

Hali Robinett, MPH

Title of Presentation: Using Community-based Participatory Methods to Prevent Tobacco Use in a Multi-Cultural Population

Valerie L. Rochester

Title of Presentation: Role of Self-Help in Increasing the Capacity of Black Women to Manage Their Health

Valerie L. Rochester is Director of Programs and Training for the Black Women's Health Imperative. Ms. Rochester directs the organization's programmatic agenda, as well as its capacity building training and technical assistance efforts. Under her leadership, the Imperative manages multiple, federal and privately-funded health education initiatives partnering with national and community-based organizations across the country. Ms. Rochester has more than 18 years of experience in the health and human services field, specializing in addressing the needs of communities of color. Ms. Rochester has consulted with the Office of Minority Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office on Women's Health, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on strategies to better engage communities in the design and implementation of effective treatment and prevention initiatives. Prior to joining the Imperative, Ms. Rochester was Vice President of Training and Technical Assistance with Hinton Hoytt & Associates, a women-owned management consulting firm. She also has served as program manager for the National Council of Negro Women; Director of the Indiana State Office Minority Health; and as Human Services Planner for the United Way of Central Indiana. Because of her commitment to building the capacity of national and community-based organizations of color. Ms. Rochester was awarded the Congressional Black Caucus Healthcare Hero Award in 2002 at the annual Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, presented to her by Congresswoman Donna Christensen.

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Michelle A. Roett, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Diabetes HEALTH MATTERS: Diabetes Health Education, Adapted Literacy Training, Health Care Materials and Electronic Resources

Michelle A. Roett, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor in the Family Medicine Department at Georgetown University Medical Center, where she teaches medical students on women's health, diabetes and evidence-based medicine. She is a full-time faculty member in the Georgetown University-Provident Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, where she serves as community preceptor, advisor, clinician and inpatient attending physician practicing newborn, pediatric, obstetric, adult and geriatric care. Dr Roett is the faculty coordinator of Geriatric, Internal Medicine, and Community Medicine resident rotations, as well as journal club and information technology programming for family medicine residents. She received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and her Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Roett also completed the Georgetown University-Unity Health Care Community Health Center Director Development Fellowship, a faculty development fellowship in community medicine, featuring community partnerships with the Association of Clinicians (ACU) for the Underserved and the National Association of Community Health Centers. She continues to partner with ACU on projects committed to improving cultural and linguistic competence, provider-patient communication and chronic disease outcomes. She is currently the Director of Georgetown Family Physicians Inquiries Network, which is a comprehensive evidence-based medicine curriculum for residents and medical students through group activities and publication opportunities. Her research focus is the intersection of diabetes and health literacy, and her other interests include evidence-based medicine, women's health, and chronic disease management.

Raul A. Romaguera, DMD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases

Raul A. Romaguera, DMD, MPH, is the National Chlamydia Screening Coordinator in the Division of STD Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Romaguera has over 25 years of experience in the Public Health Service at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and at CDC in the Divisions of Reproductive Health (DRH), Oral Health, and Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. He also has broad experience working on key preventive and minority health issues with a variety of health care settings in the public and private sector. Prior to joining DSTDP in May 2008, Dr. Romaguera was Acting Associate Director for Health Disparities at the National Center of HIV, STD, Viral Hepatitis and TB Prevention and Associate Director for Prevention in Care in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention where he developed strategies to incorporate HIV prevention services into clinical practice. Dr. Romaguera began his career in the US Public Health Service in 1982 as dental provider and clinical director of a community health center in a rural community in Puerto Rico. In 1988, he joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service program in the

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Behavioral Epidemiology and Demographic Research Branch, DRH where he designed and implemented maternal and child health and contraceptive prevalence surveys in various countries in Central and South America. In 1990, he joined the Bureau of Primary Health Care at HRSA where he worked as a clinical consultant for the Divisions of Primary Care and Special Populations.

Jillian Rose, LMSW

Title of Presentation: Utilizing a Lupus Teen/Parent Support Group for Pediatric Medical Education

Jillian Rose is the supervisor of Hospital for Special Surgery's LupusLine and Charla de Lupus/ Lupus Chat, programs which are made possible through generous funding by Rheuminations, Inc. Ms. Rose supervises twelve program volunteers and coordinates bi-monthly seminars that look at various topics as it relates to assisting people with lupus, their friends and families. She also provides ongoing program support for Hospital For Special Surgery's pediatric lupus service, and supervises the associates who conduct outreach in the pediatric and adult clinics at Columbia Presbyterian and Mount Sinai Hospitals in NYC. Ms. Rose is a graduate of Providence College, and earned her professional degree at Columbia University School of Social Work.

Mitchell Rubin, MD

Title of Presentation: The Healthcare Equity Blueprint: A Guide for Hospitals and Health Centers

Mitchell Rubin, MD is an Associate Professor of Community and Preventive Medicine, and Pediatrics; Vice President of Ambulatory Care and Community Medicine; and Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine at the Nassau County Health Care Corporation. Dr. Rubin worked for over a decade as a private practitioner in suburban New Jersey and joined the New York City public health care system in 1995 where he focuses on medical services for underprivileged, multi-ethnic communities.

Karin Ruschke, MA

Title of Presentation: The Long and Winding Road to Health Care Interpreter Certification

Karin Ruschke is founder and president of International Language Services, a full-service agency providing on-site and telephone interpreting, written translation services, and training to clients nationwide. She has dedicated her career to bridging language and cultural differences in the healthcare setting. Ms. Ruschke has developed a comprehensive training program for interpreters in health care addressing the rigorous standards of accuracy, confidentiality, role and cultural-sensitivity, improving the effectiveness and professionalism of interpreting. She is actively involved in all aspects of developing the medical interpreting industry and plays an integral role in raising the awareness of standards for medical interpreters. Ms. Ruschke is a member of several

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boards and committees including the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care and the Steering Committee of the National Coalition on Health Care Interpreter Certification, which is committed to developing standards for a valid, credible, inclusive and transparent national certification process to ensure competency of healthcare interpreters. She co-chaired the Standards, Training and Certification Committee, which is currently working on creating standards for training healthcare interpreters. Ms. Ruschke was also a member of the expert advisory panel of the American Medical Association on a project to assess ways in which physicians can overcome barriers to language access of their limited English-speaking patients.

Parichart Sabado, BS, MS

Title of Presentation: Colorectal Cancer Outreach and Screening in the Los Angeles Korean American Population

Pari Sabado is the Project Director of AANCART, Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training. Her primary focus is to reduce the cancer burden affecting Asian Americans by increasing awareness of the benefits of early detection. This current project is aimed at reducing colorectal cancer rates among Korean Americans in Los Angeles County by providing culturally-tailored education and low-cost screening services. Prior to joining AANCART, Ms. Sabado was the Protocol Administrator at the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center. Her position allowed her to work directly with Principal Investigators, the university Institutional Review Board, and Pharmaceutical Companies to ensure successful and safe conduct of cancer trials. Ms. Sabado earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention from the University of Southern California and Masters of Public Health degree from California State University, Long Beach. She is currently a third-year doctoral student at University of California, Los Angeles' School of Public Health.

Urmimala Sarkar, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Monitoring Patient Safety for Vulnerable Diabetes Patients using Automated Telephone Self-Management Support

Urmimala Sarkar is an assistant professor at University of California, San Francisco, and a primary care physician at San Francisco General Hospital. A lifelong Californian, she studied at Stanford University, University of California at San Diego School of Medicine, University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health, and UCSF School of Medicine. Her focus is on ambulatory patient safety in chronic disease, with a focus on using HIT to improve communication in diverse populations.

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Alok Sarwal, PhD

Title of Presentation: Effective Health Information Technology System for Reducing Health Disparity in Multi-ethnic Populations

Alok Sarwal, PhD is the executive director and founder of the Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion (CAHEP) Coalition. This coalition of Asian-Pacific communities was first established for working with Tuberculosis for the AAPI population of Colorado and has now expanded to numerous chronic diseases and comprehensive patient care. Dr. Sarwal has pioneered an innovative Medical Information Technology system to collect patient information and provide immediate analysis of the risk. This system understands the multi-lingual and multi-cultural aspects of patient interaction. It is now being widely used in numerous health-fairs and health education programs. He is recognized as a leader in health promotion and community based services. He is a champion of social equity and multi-ethnic partnerships.

John Scott, MS

Title of Presentation: Expanding Access to Culture and Language Appropriate Information: Users Can Recommend Trusted Documents and Other Information for Inclusion in the RHIN Database

Mr. Scott founded and directs the Center for Public Service Communications whose mission is to provide guidance and expertise to individuals, communities and public sector organizations in the specialized field of applying telecommunications and information technologies to reduce health disparities, to improve health services to underserved and disenfranchised individuals and communities and to improve the collection and sharing of scientific, technical and community knowledge to reduce human vulnerability to natural hazards. Currently, Mr. Scott directs the Refugee Health Information Network (RHIN) and is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency for Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response (of the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health) and coordinates the health committee of the American Indian/Alaska Native Working Group on Climate Change. He is a senior advisor on disaster health information to institutions including the Pan American Health Organization/WHO and the National Library of Medicine. From 2001-2005 Mr. Scott was executive director of the National Congress of American Indians President's Task Force on Health Information and Technology. He was also founder, in 1993, of the US Congressional Steering Committee on Telehealth and Health Information Technology and coordinated that group for ten years. Mr. Scott has worked for many years on risk reduction programs internationally, with the United Nations, and within the United States. He was Principal Investigator of the needs assessment for a South-East Asia Regional Disaster Health Information Network after the 2004 Tsunami, on behalf of the World Health Organization South East Asia Regional Office and he organized and chaired the First International Conference on Disaster Communications, in 1989, on behalf of the United Nations and was a founding member of the UN's Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications. Mr. Scott is an enrolled member of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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Tanya Telfair Sharpe, PhD, MS

Title of Presentation: Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Infectious and Chronic Diseases

Dr. Sharpe is an Anthropologist (BA, MS) and Sociologist (PhD). Her research interests include HIV/AIDS epidemiology, social epidemiology and social inequality, substance use during pregnancy, disparities in health among women, minorities, and poor families. Current projects include exploring the social determinants of population infectious disease outcomes. Dr. Sharpe supports stronger links between the public education system and public health systems to improve health and well-being of young people. Dr. Sharpe is the Deputy Director of the Office of Health Disparities of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STDs, and TB Prevention where she works to achieve health equity for ethnic/racial and gender minorities. She began her CDC career as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in HIV/AIDS epidemiology. Previous experiences include a National Institutes of Health/ National Institute on Drug Abuse research fellowship at Georgia State University, and university teaching. Dr. Sharpe has numerous public health and other publications.

Brian D. Smedley, PhD

Title of Presentation: Prevention, Health and Equity: A National Movement Breaking New Ground

Dr. Brian D. Smedley, an expert on racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care, is Vice President of the Joint Center and Director of its Health Policy Institute. Dr. Smedley oversees all of the operations of the Institute to explore disparities in health and to generate policy recommendations on longstanding health equity concerns. Dr. Smedley is a co-founder in 2004 of The Opportunity Agenda, a communications, research, and policy organization based in New York City. Dr. Smedley was a Senior Program Officer for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, directed preparation of groundbreaking reports on racial and ethnic health and health care disparities, diversity in the health professions workforce, and federal health research for the medically underserved. Among these reports is *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*, which concluded that many communities of color face systemic barriers to accessing high-quality health care, even when differences in insurance coverage and income are taken into account. Dr. Smedley was Director for Public Interest Policy at the American Psychological Association, where he worked on a wide range of social, health, and education policy topics. Among his awards and distinctions, Dr. Smedley was honored by the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition as a "Health Trailblazer" award winner in 2004, in 2002 he was awarded the Congressional Black Caucus "Healthcare Hero" award. Dr. Smedley holds a magna cum laude undergraduate degree in psychology and social relations from Harvard University and a PhD in psychology from UCLA.

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Suganya Sockalingam, PhD

Title of Presentation: Collaborative and Transformative Leadership to Address Patient-Provider Collaboration and Communication

Suganya Sockalingam, PhD is a founding partner of Change Matrix Inc., a firm that assists agencies undergoing change through motivation, measurement and management, and founder and executive director of TeamWorks, a consulting firm that addresses Cultural Diversity, Cultural Competence, and Cross-cultural Communication as well as Conflict Resolution and Leadership solutions. Through both these entities, she provides consultation, training and technical assistance; conducts focused dialogues, consensus building, strategic, and action planning workshops on issues related to health, social services, and education.

Dr. Sockalingam also serves as a senior consultant to the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) a technical assistance organization whose mission is to increase the capacity of health and mental health programs to design, implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems, and to the Summit Health Institute on Research and Education (SHIRE) an organization committed to addressing health disparities through research and education. Dr. Sockalingam has co-developed several curricula including: "Culture, Conflict and Communication" on culturally competent conflict resolution and mediation; and "Transformative Leadership" that incorporates values and principles that guide leadership, cultural and linguistic competence, family involvement and conflict resolution. Dr. Sockalingam has worked in many capacities in Public Health, both nationally and internationally, for over 20 years.

Audrey Solimon, MPH

Title of Presentation: The Healthy Indian Country Initiative: Promoting Promising Tribal Prevention Programs in Indian Country

Audrey D. Solimon, is the inaugural Program Manager for the Healthy Indian Country Initiative (HICI) at the National Indian Health Board in Washington, D.C. The HICI program is funded by the Office of Minority Health to support 13 Tribal grantees throughout the United States in their efforts to expand or supplement their current prevention efforts throughout Indian country. Ms Solimon's experience and research history includes behavioral health topics related to alcohol use and abuse among minority populations in the Southwest States, community-based participatory research in American Indian Tribal communities, as well as other projects in various Tribal communities that involved obesity prevention, teen pregnancy issues, historical trauma and adolescent mental health topics. Ms Solimon earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Biology from the University of New Mexico in 2001 and received her Masters degree in Public Health from the University of New Mexico, Department of Family and Community Medicine in 2006.

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Hui Song, MPH

Title of Presentation: **The Impact of Enabling Services Utilization on Health at Community Health Centers Serving Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders**

Hui Song is a Research Associate at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations. Ms. Song's primary role is Program Coordinator for the Enabling Services Accountability Project, which aims to provide a better understanding of the role of enabling services in health care access, utilization, and outcomes for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Ms. Song received her Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Biology from Peking University, Beijing, China, a MPH in Health Management and Policy and a MS in Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining AAPCHO, Ms. Song completed internships at Alameda County Medical Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Ida Spruill, PhD, RN, LISW

Title of Presentation: **Project SuGar: Lessons Learned for Enrolling African American Families into Genetic Research**

Ida Spruill, PhD is a Post Doctoral Fellow in Clinical Genetics at the University of Iowa, College of Nursing. She received her PhD in Nursing from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Her dissertation involved a primary analysis of data from the research study "Project SuGar" where she was the nurse manager and project director for Project from its inception in 1995 to 2005. Dr. Spruill was intimately involved in both data collection and the recruitment process, and the project was successfully in recruiting over 600 families into the research study via a recruitment model known as CPR (Community, Plan, and Reward). Dr. Spruill maintains close ties to the Sea Island community and was responsible for organizing the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and served as the facilitator of the CAC since 2003. Under her leadership, the CAC has expanded to become the Sea Islands Families Project, an umbrella for protection and promotion of human genetic research among the Gullahs of South Carolina. The Gullahs are direct descendants of enslaved Africans and have less racial admixture than any other group of African Americans tested in this country. Dr. Spruill current research interests are: Ethno-cultural barriers to genetic literacy. More specifically, she is interested in how culture shape behavior responses to genetic research and services.

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Jewel Stafford, MSW

Title of Presentation: Bridging the Gap Between Community and Research Through The Power of Partnerships

Jewel Stafford, is the Project Manager and Research Coordinator for the Center for Public Health and Health Policy Research (CPHPR). Ms. Stafford works to build bridges between the community and public health research to reduce health disparities on Long Island. She facilitates and coordinates the logistics multiple CPHPR projects including planning and scheduling meetings/conferences, and maintains relationships through communications with students, community members, professionals and clergy. Ms. Stafford serves as Secretary, GPPH Community Advisory Board, Diversity Fellow for Stony Brook University and is a member of the Nassau/Suffolk National Association for Black Social Workers. Ms. Stafford is experienced in educating, training and counseling minority and medically underserved populations on sensitive health topics. Ms. Stafford was recently appointed as Clinical Faculty in the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University and provides presentations to community members and key health stakeholders regarding culturally competent evidence-based health practices.

Lisa Stafford, BS

Title of Presentation: There is Room at the Table for Everyone: Creating Public-Private Collaborations

Lisa B. Stafford is the Associate Director for the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. The Commission was established for two purposes: health promotion and disease prevention on behalf of minority groups. The Commission focuses its efforts on the amelioration of diseases and conditions responsible for excess deaths in minority communities. Ms. Stafford has over 20 years experience in State Government. She began her public employment as a High School Intern in 1984 with the Ohio Department of Development. Upon graduation, Ms. Stafford enlisted in the US Army and completed three years active duty as a Personnel Records Specialist and four years in the Ohio Army National Guard in the same capacity. She has over 15 years of administrative work with such agencies as the Ohio Public Works Commission and currently with the Ohio Commission. Ms. Stafford's hard work, dedication and her expertise in personnel issues, internal budgeting and accounting has lead to her promotion from Word Processing Specialist to Administrative Manager and to her current position, Associate Director. During her years with the Commission, her passion for the health and welfare of the minority communities has grown. Ms. Stafford earned her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

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Michelle Surdoval

Title of Presentation: **The New England Regional Minority Health Committee 1999 – 2009: A Regional Perspective on Eliminating Health Disparities**

Sandra Gayle Suther, PhD

Title of Presentation: **A Multi-Level Analysis of Black Infant Mortality in Eight Florida Counties**

Sandra Suther, PhD is an assistant professor of behavioral science and health education in the Institute of Public Health at Florida A&M University. Dr. Suther has over 8 years experience evaluating health programs and projects. From 2001-2003, she was a member of a team to evaluate the federally funded abstinence-only sex education programs for the prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases in Texas. In 2008 Dr. Suther completed an evaluation of 50 Closing the Gap programs in Florida. Dr. Suther has over 10 years experience utilizing qualitative research methodology. As a medical anthropologist, Dr. Suther was involved with a 3 year research project (1997-2000) which investigated barriers to the access of genetic services by Mexican American women in south Texas. From 2005-2006, Dr. Suther conducted a qualitative project that identified the factors that influence genetic risk information seeking in order to gain a better understanding of what extent this information has on actual health behaviors. Most recently (2008-2009), in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health and the University of South Florida, Dr. Suther provides technical assistance and training to conduct focus groups for eight counties that have the highest infant mortality rate. The purpose of this program is to eliminate disparities in black infant mortality in the state of Florida. Dr. Suther earned masters in Medical Anthropology from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a doctorate in Health Education from Texas A&M University.

Gayle Tang, MSN, RN

Title of Presentation: **Language Concordance: From Research to Systems Change**

Gayle Tang is Director of the National Linguistic and Cultural Programs, Kaiser Permanente National Diversity and is a diversity champion and leader in language access improvement throughout Kaiser Permanente and the public community. Ms Tang has been leading multiple strategic initiatives and creating service delivery systems that support the provision of culturally and linguistically competent care. Ms. Tang pioneers the development of innovative programs through ongoing research and development; empowers internal and external customers through education and training; and builds partnerships and coalitions with the public community to collaboratively reduce health care disparities and inequities. Ms. Tang is the principal architect of the Health Care Interpreter Certificate Training Program and the Qualified Bilingual Staff Model Program that focuses on building cultural and linguistic capacity to serve the limited-English proficient population through standardization, assessment, education, and training. She also serves as the main architect for the National Standardized Quality Translation Initiative which standardizes a translation process and infrastructure to address quality, safety, access, cost, efficiency, and compliance. She serves as

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the principal investigator on several interrelated language service research projects funded by The California Endowment, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Ms. Tang completed her undergraduate studies in nursing at the University of San Francisco. She received her Masters of Nursing degree with a focus on Leadership and Diversity from Sonoma State University.

Maile Tauali'i

Title of Presentation: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Disparities

Maile Tauali'i is the Director of the Native Hawaiian Epidemiology Center, housed at Papa Ola Lokahi. Papa Ola Lokahi was established in 1987 by the Native Hawaiian community to improve the health status and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians and others by advocating for, initiating and maintaining culturally appropriate strategic actions aimed at improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of Native Hawaiians and their 'ohana (families) and empowering them to determine their own destinies. The Native Hawaiian Epidemiology Center serves this mission by providing biostatistic and epidemiological support to the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Island community. Her center also provides program evaluation and quality improvement support to the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander community and their public service organizations. With an educational background in Health Services, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public Health Informatics, and Public Health Genetics, Maile strives to support improving the health and wellness of her community. Maile believes access to accurate health information is essential for communities to advocate and address health disparities.

Trinidad Tellez, MD

Title of Presentation: Putting The Community First: Facilitating Learning And Health Improvement For Latinos in Lawrence and Beyond

Trinidad Tellez, MD is Associate Director of Community Health Promotion and Disparities Investigations for the CDC-funded Latino Center of Excellence for Eliminating Disparities (CEED): Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) New England, based at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center. Her current work focuses on eliminating health disparities related to asthma, breast and cervical cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes by helping other Latino communities across New England develop capacity to promote health equity. Dr. Tellez is Community Principal Investigator for a NIH-NIDDK translational diabetes prevention randomized trial, the Lawrence Latino Diabetes Prevention Project (LLDPP). She is a Co-Investigator for the NCI funded Coordinated Approach to Cancer (and) Health Study (CATCH) to increase cancer screening in community health centers. Dr. Tellez also leads the Lawrence Mayor's Health Task Force (MHTF) Research Initiative Working Group (RIWG), an academic-community collaborative which aims to build collective community capacity and infrastructure to assure that research conducted in Lawrence will provide a clear benefit to the community by including community members in all research phases. Dr. Tellez graduated from Dartmouth Medical School, trained at the Salinas-UCSF

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Family Practice Residency Program, and then completed a two-year Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship in health services research and health policy at UCLA. She holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth.

Thelma Thiel, RN

Title of Presentation: Fired Up For Prevention From The Inside Out

Thelma King Thiel, RN, BA and founder and CEO of the Hepatitis Foundation International is recognized internationally as "The Liver Lady." Thelma has dedicated her life to educating people about the importance of liver health following the loss of her four-year-old son Dean to a rare liver disease in 1970. She has traveled extensively both in the US and abroad, training educators, healthcare professionals, counselors, and government leaders with her broadly acclaimed Foundation for Decision Making (FDM) program. Along with FDM, an educational model now used in schools and healthcare clinics across the country, Thelma has produced a series of 14 educational DVDs about the liver, and prevention of hepatitis, HIV, and substance abuse. Her newest DVD called Give Your Liver A Break received an EMMY award.

Dawna Thomas, PhD

Title of Presentation: Integrating Culturally Relevant Curricula for Healthcare Administration Leaders

Laurine Thomas, PhD

Title of Presentation: A Process Evaluation of the National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day (NCHTAD)

Dr. Laurine Thomas is an independent health services research consultant with 15 years experience in health services planning, research and evaluation and additional expertise in health economics and cost benefit and cost effectiveness analyses. Over the course of her career, Dr. Thomas has designed, managed and implemented mixed-method formative, process and outcomes evaluations of domestic and international health services and public health programs in the areas of HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, obesity prevention, and community based health planning for various clients including the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the WK Kellogg Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Dr. Thomas is proficient in quantitative and qualitative methods including survey design and

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implementation, regression analysis, cost analyses, ethnography, participatory methods, case studies, focus groups and document review. Prior to becoming an independent consultant, Dr. Thomas was the Associate Director for the Center for Applied Behavioral Research at the Academy for Educational Development (AED), a non-profit research and consulting firm, headquartered in Washington, DC. Dr. Thomas also held research and evaluation posts at Abt Associates, RAND Corporation and the UCLA School of Public Health. Dr. Thomas earned a doctorate in Health Services Planning and Evaluation with minors in Health Economics and Medical Anthropology from Cornell University and completed undergraduate studies in Psychology (honors) at Harvard University. Fluent in French, Dr. Thomas has worked and traveled extensively in Africa, Europe and the Caribbean.

Njoke Thomas, MSPH

Title of Presentation: **Critical Strategies in the Development of a Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Health System**

Njoke Thomas is Project Director for the Equality in Health Initiative at the Partnership for Families and Children. Prior to joining the Partnership, Ms. Thomas managed a regional initiative to address the underlying social causes of health inequities in the San Francisco Bay Area. This work emphasized capacity building for local public health departments wishing to widen their sphere of influence and improve their performance in eliminating health inequities. Ms. Thomas has worked for several years conducting interviews and focus groups among low income and minority women about their perceived obstacles to utilizing preventive health care services. Ms. Thomas earned BA in Human Biology from Stanford University and an MS in Health and Social Behavior from Harvard School of Public Health. She is also an alumnus of the Women's Foundation of California Policy Institute.

Gina Thornton-Evans, DMD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Never on My Watch Again! Joing Forces to Eliminate Oral Health Disparities**

Dr. Gina Thornton-Evans received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry and a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. She joined CDC as a Dental Public Health Resident and after completing her residency, she accepted a position as a Dental Officer on the Surveillance, Investigations, and Research Team. Initially, she served as the lead on state surveillance activities and project officer for the DOH's grantee states under Cooperative Agreement 1046 and 3022, Building State Infrastructure and Capacity. Her responsibilities included developing performance measures related to state level oral health surveillance activities and facilitating the development of a template for a state surveillance plan. Dr. Thornton-Evans currently serves as the lead on HP 2010 activities and as the Oral Health Focus Area agency lead. Her responsibilities include facilitating and coordinating the

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efforts of the *HP 2010* oral health workgroup, which includes meeting with and obtaining input from three co-lead agencies, HRSA, NIDCR, and IHS along with NCHS and ODPHP consultants and liaisons. She and workgroup members work collectively on monitoring the progress of the oral health objectives, managing the data and tracking current estimates, preparing written correspondence, publications, and presentations highlighting *HP 2010* activities and progress toward the *HP 2010* targets. In 2008, she received the Assistant Secretary for Health's Award for Outstanding Team Performance, for exemplary teamwork in production of the *Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review*. In addition, she serves as the CDC/DOH representative on two Federal Interagency subgroups which focus on the planning and development of the *HP 2020* framework. During this process, she has served as a facilitator and reporter for the Health Equity and Health Disparities breakout sessions held during the six regional meetings across the U. S. to obtain feedback from the public users of *Healthy People*. This session focused on obtaining input how to define health equity and its inclusion in the goals for *Healthy People 2020*. Lastly, Dr. Thornton-Evans represents DOH on the CDC/AAP (American Academy of Periodontology) Periodontal Disease Surveillance workgroup providing scientific and managerial support for activities related to developing self-report methods for population-based surveillance of periodontal diseases. In 2007, she was appointed as the DOH representative to the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) workgroup PPOD, (Pharmacists, Podiatrists, Optometrists, and Dental Professionals) to assist in the development of diabetes-related educational materials for the health professionals and consumers.

Jonathan Tobin, PhD

Title of Presentation: Disseminating Blood Pressure Control Treatment Guidelines and Best Practices to FQHCs: NIH Clinical Trials Meet the HRSA Health Disparities Collaboratives

Jonathan N Tobin, PhD is President/CEO of Clinical Directors Network, Inc. a NYC-based practice-based research network dedicated to improving clinical outcomes for low income and medically underserved communities. Dr. Tobin, is a board certified epidemiologist and has had extensive experience in the design, administration and analysis of large-scale observational, experimental and translational studies. Dr. Tobin also developed and directs a web-based post-graduate medical training Institute that provides online CME-accredited courses and clinical decision-support tools for clinicians (www.eClinician.org). Dr. Tobin has served as Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on grants funded by NIMH, NHLBI, NCI, NIAID, NIDCR, SAMHSA, EPA, CDC, and HRSA, in studies related to behavior, clinical preventive services, cardiovascular disease, cancer and HIV, all designed to study translating research into practice for the elimination of health disparities and the improvement of public health. Under Dr. Tobin's leadership at CDN, over 200 health centers, 1000 physicians and 53,000 patients have been recruited into clinical trials and observational studies and nearly 500 CME-accredited online courses have been produced.

Dr. Tobin holds the position of Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and Professor of Health Psychology at Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. He holds an MA, MPhil and PhD from Columbia University, as well as fellowships in the American Heart Association (Council on Epidemiology and Prevention) and American College of Epidemiology.

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Hendry Ton, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Providing Quality Health Care with CLAS: A Curriculum Tool Kit for Health System Leaders**

Hendry Ton, MD is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Education at the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at the University of California at Davis, where he has authored "Providing Quality Care with CLAS: A Curriculum Toolkit For Healthcare Leaders." Dr. Ton operates the Sacramento County Cultural Consultation Service and is the medical director of the Transcultural Wellness Center. Dr. Ton is the recipient of numerous awards including University of California Davis Chancellors Achievement Award for Diversity and Community, and the Dean's Award for Outstanding Community Engagement for his work with ethnic minorities and cultural competence. Dr. Ton has also received teaching awards for his work with medical students, residents, and faculty. He earned his AB degree in Psychology and Molecular Cell Biology at the University of University of California, Berkeley. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley-San Francisco Joint Medical Program where he attained MS degree in Health and Medical Science, a Division of Public Health and his MD Degree. He completed his residency at University of California San Francisco.

Maria Triantis, MBA, ANP, BSN

Title of Presentation: **A Health Care Access Strategy to Eliminate Avoidable Emergency Department Utilization by the Uninsured**

Maria Triantis, MBA, ANP, BSN, leads the PCC Center for Health Improvement and brings over 20 years of health and primary care experience with a strong background in developing and implementing community-wide screening and education programs. She directs the Montgomery Cares Diabetes Management Program (DMP), which includes shared protocols for the ten Community HealthLink (CHL) clinics, access to diabetes education for self-management, supplies, and medication. She is P.I. of a CareFirst grant to develop planned care functionality in CHLCare to support disease management; and a Susan G. Komen for the Cure grant to implement a multi-clinic breast cancer screening and navigation program. Ms. Triantis is also a team member representing PCC participation in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Triple Aim Initiative (funded by Healthcare Initiative Foundation, FY '08), which is a project designed to lay the groundwork for integrating the Triple Aim concept into PCC programs, focusing on reducing unnecessary emergency visits by uninsured patients eligible for care at MC clinics.

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Rhodora Ursua, MPH

Title of Presentation: Applying the Community Health Worker Model to Build Community Capacity and Leadership to Promote Health in Asian American Populations

Rhodora Ursua is the Director of Project AsPIRE (Asian American Partnerships in Research and Empowerment), a community-based participatory research project that aims to improve health access and status for cardiovascular disease (CVD) among Filipino-Americans in New York City and New Jersey. Ms. Ursua also serves as the Project Coordinator of Kalusugan Coalition, a Filipino health coalition she co-founded. In addition, Ms. Ursua oversees the Center's Center Student Investigator (CSI) Program and provides general support for the Center's activities. She received a Masters in Public Health at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health with a focus in Population and Family Health in May 2004.

Silvia Villacampa, BA

Title of Presentation: Glossaries, Translation Tools, and Other Bilingual Resources from AIDSinfo

Silvia Villacampa works in Rockville, Maryland as a bilingual HIV/AIDS treatment information specialist for AIDSinfo—a service of the US Department of Health and Human Services. In 2006, AIDSinfo launched its Spanish-language sister web site infoSIDA. She was born in Washington, D.C. and her parents are from Ecuador and Spain. She has lived and worked in the Washington, D.C. area all her life, and has a bachelor's degree in political science from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. She speaks fluent English and Spanish and has used her bilingual skills in her work with the local Latino community; health information centers and web sites for the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health and Office of Minority Health; and for maternal and child health and reproductive health programs in North, Central, and South America managed by Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) from 1990 to 1995. Since 2006, she has been a member of a local coalition organized around National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) and served as co-chair of this coalition in 2007.

David Vincent, MSW

Title of Presentation: Innovation Strategies To Address The Health And Social Disparities Among LGBT Patients Of Color

David Vincent, is the Associate Executive Director at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center in New York City. Mr. Vincent is responsible for ensuring excellence and continuous quality improvement in the provision of patient care, coordination of programs and services to support medical services and the daily operations of one of the nation's largest continuums of HIV/AIDS programs for the adult population as well as for adolescents. Mr. Vincent served as Assistant Director of Family Health Centers of San Diego where he was administratively responsible for several federal, state, local and private foundation grants, and contracts. He was also responsible for the daily operations of the San

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Diego Health Care for the Homeless Project and the Public Housing/Primary Care Project. Mr. Vincent also managed several of the agency's clinical and programmatic services for adolescents and the homeless; oversaw multiple school-based and school-linked programs and all community-based dental screening and outreach services; and facilitates FHCSD's two mobile medical units. Mr. Vincent received his Masters degree in Social Work from Boston University.

Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Northern Plains Tribal Cancer Data Improvement Initiative (NPTCDI): Gaps and Strategies to Improve Cancer Data for the Northern Plains Native American Population

Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway, PhD is Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). She has experience in designing and implementing epidemiologic studies, including the development of a surveillance system, analyzing population-based data, and designing and implementing evaluation studies. In the last three years, Dr. Watanabe-Galloway research efforts have focused on improving the health status among Native Americans in collaboration with Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board. In 2006 her work with Native Americans was recognized when she was appointed to serve as Director of Northern Plains Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NPCCCP), a regional Native American cancer control program funded by CDC. In 2007, NPCCCP obtained an implementation grant to begin expanding its intervention activities. In the same year, Dr. Watanabe-Galloway collaborated with the Director of Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center and NPCCCP staff to prepare a 5-year data improvement grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services ("Northern Plains Tribal Cancer Data Improvement Initiative"), which was awarded in September 2007. In addition, Dr. Watanabe-Galloway received pilot funding from a local Komen Foundation chapter to develop and implement a hospital-based breast cancer navigator program for African Americans. In 2006, Dr. Watanabe-Galloway was appointed, Associate Director of Health Disparities for UNMC Eppley Cancer Center, a newly created program to promote research and outreach to minority and other underserved population groups. Dr. Watanabe-Galloway holds a MA in Psychology and a PhD in Epidemiology

Keisha Watson, PhD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Examining HIV-Related Provider Stigma: A Review of the Literature

Keisha Watson, PhD is a native Washingtonian, has been working with Regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) in a program evaluation capacity for over five years. Dr. Watson served as Data Manager for the DELTA Region AETC from 2003-2008 and recently joined the National Minority AETC team's national office as Data Manager in Dr. Watson has demonstrated her passion and commitment for improving the lives of patients living with HIV/AIDS through providing high quality

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data and evaluation services. Dr. Watson earned a PhD in Public Health from the University of Maryland at College Park, and a Master of Public Health degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Cara Cowan Watts, MS

Title of Presentation: Addressing American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities into the 21st Century

Cara is serving her second term on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council for District Seven-Will Rogers (Rogers County, Oklahoma). After much deliberation, Cara ran for Tribal Council in 2003. One year after taking office, she planned her exit from corporate life to commit full-time to her community work. In 2005, she accepted a National Science Fellowship (NSF) to pursue a PhD in Biosystems Engineering. Her PhD work on 'Numerical Nutrient Criteria Supporting Cherokee Nation's Culturally Significant Waters' should be complete in May 2009. In 2007, Cara was elected Deputy Speaker of the Tribal Council and Co-Chair of Executive & Finance Committee for the 2007-2011 term. Nationally, Cara is appointed to the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC) and serves as Chair. In addition, she serves on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Advisory Council on Minority Health (ACMH). In 2007, Governor Henry appointed Cara to the Will Rogers Memorial Commission. The same year, she was elected for her 2nd term to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Board of Directors. Currently, Cara is the Secretary/Parliamentarian of the Oklahoma Professional Chapter (OPC) of AISES which she helped found in 1999.

Rose Weahkee, PhD

Title of Presentation: Addressing American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities into the 21st Century

Dr. Rose Weahkee is a member of the Navajo Nation. Dr. Weahkee received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Alcohol and Drug Studies from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and her PhD in clinical psychology with an emphasis in multicultural community clinical issues from the California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles in June 1998. She is currently a Public Health Advisor for the Indian Health Service Headquarters Division of Behavioral Health in the Office of Clinical and Preventive Services. Prior to her current position, she served as the Behavioral Health Consultant for the California Area Indian Health Service and also served as the Administrative Clinical Director for United American Indian Involvement, Inc. Dr. Weahkee has served on numerous boards at the local, state, and federal level advocating on behalf of American Indian issues including the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, The California Department of Mental Health Cultural Competency Advisory Board, the California Health Interview Survey Advisory Board, the Indian Health Service National Suicide Prevention Committee, the Indian Health Service Youth Regional Treatment Center Task Force (YRTC), the Steering

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Committee for the American Indian/Alaska Native National Resource Center for Substance Abuse Services, and the Steering Committee for the California Rural Indian Health Board Access to Recovery program. She has been involved in administration, program development, research, teaching, and direct services for the American Indian community. She was the recipient of the American Psychological Association Early Career Award in the Public Interest in 2006.

Bryant Webb

Title of Presentation: **From Politics to Parity: Using a Health Disparities Index to Measure the Efficacy of Health Legislation**

Bryant Cameron Webb is currently a third-year medical student at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Mr. Webb is the President of the Class of 2010, and helped to found Wake Forest's student-run clinic, DEAC – Delivering Equal Access to Care. He is actively involved in the Student National Medical Association, where he served as a chapter and regional officer. Mr. Webb is an Albert Schweitzer Fellow (2007-08), David E. Satcher Fellow (2008-09), and a recipient of an NMA Emerging Scholars Award (2008) and the AAMC's Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarship (2008). He is passionate about health care legislative policy, particularly as it pertains to increasing access to care for racial and ethnic minorities. Mr. Webb intends to pursue a career in General Internal Medicine, and hopes to help shape health care policy throughout his career in medicine and advocacy. He is pursuing his MD and JD degrees at Wake Forest, and will graduate in May 2012.

Armin Weinberg, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Engaging Community Stakeholders in Policy Change: EDICT and Project Reconnect**

Dr. Weinberg has directed the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine since its inception in 1987. He began his career at Baylor in 1975 as Director of the Education Division of the DeBakey Heart Center. Recognizing that the community models he had developed as Director of the DeBakey Heart Center Education Division could be applied to other chronic diseases, he began to pursue funding in cancer and chronic disease prevention and control. Dr. Weinberg is also the co-founding Chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council. This national consortium was an outgrowth of the Biennial Symposia on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer, which Dr. Weinberg has co-directed since 1991.

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Rosy Chang Weir, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Evaluation of Culturally Appropriate Community Health Education on Diabetes Outcomes**

Rosy Chang Weir is the Director of Research at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) where she conducts research to improve health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) at community health centers. Her projects include: (1) the Enabling Services Accountability Project to examine the impact of enabling services on health, (2) the Pacific Innovation Collaborative Pacific Health Technology Innovation Project to develop a data repository and track quality improvement at health centers and health plans in Hawaii and Washington states, and (3) the Medically Underserved AAPI Counties geographic information systems project to identify and provide a better understanding of underserved AAPI communities. Prior to joining AAPCHO in 2002, Dr. Weir studied the development of Asian-European American interethnic relationships and developmental pathways from preschool through adulthood. An immigrant from Laos, Dr. Weir received her Bachelor's Degree and PhD in Psychology at the University of California, San Diego and Santa Cruz, respectively.

Carlton Williams, MDiv

Title of Presentation: **Faith-Based One-Stop Center Reaches Underserved African Americans at High Risk of HIV.**

Carlton Williams directs and oversees the WSU SARDI Program's community outreach and HIV/Hepatitis C education and testing activities at the Mt. Olive One-Stop Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, CNM

Title of Presentation: **Hispanic Health Initiatives**

Deborah Williamson, DHA is Associate Dean for Practice and an Assistant Professor in the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Nursing. Dr. Williamson has been awarded over two million dollars in grant funding to improve access to care for underserved women and children in Charleston County. Currently she has funding from the Duke Endowment and HRSA to improve health services to the Hispanic Community. Her grants also address language access and the recruitment of a diverse health workforce. Dr. Williamson has partnered with local community health centers, private organizations, and public agencies to build capacity in the community. Her research interests are racial/ethnic disparities in health services, immigrant health issues, and barriers to accessing health services. Dr. Williamson serves on the Hollings Cancer Center's Disparities Advisory Board and has taught in the Presidential Scholars program, an interprofessional course that focuses on health disparities. Dr. Williamson is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2005 Palmetto Gold Award for nursing, SC DHEC/OMH, and the 2004 Recognition

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Award, for work in eliminating health disparities. She was inducted into the National Academies of Practice in 2005. Dr. Williamson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Duke University, her Master's in Nursing and Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery from the University of Utah, and a Doctoral Degree from the MUSC College of Health Professions in Administration and Leadership.

Peter J. Wong, BA, MPP

Title of Presentation: Addressing Disparities for Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities: Disseminating Community-based Participatory Research through Community/Regional Convenings

Peter J. Wong is an urban planning doctorate candidate at the UCLA School of Public Affairs. His dissertation, "Hurdling Barriers: Labor and Employment Experiences of Asian Americans with Disabilities", utilizes a mixed-methods approach through information from the Census, focus groups, and in-depth interviews. Mr. Wong has co-authored a chapter on APIs with disabilities and employment for a future book to be edited by the New York University School of Medicine. He has presented his work on APIs with disabilities at conferences including the Society of Disabilities Studies in San Francisco, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Summit in San Jose, California and the Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities Regional Conference (APIDC). Mr. Wong earned his BA. from UCLA, and holds master's degrees in public policy from the University of Michigan, and in economics/planning from the London School of Economics. He served as a senior advisor for the White House National Economic Council to President Clinton, where he specialized in income maintenance and poverty statistics. Mr. Wong has also worked as a budget advisor for the House Budget Committee. He is active in civic affairs, and served as Vice-Chair for Planned Parenthood Los Angeles.

Winston Wong, MD,MS

Title of Presentation: Project A-L-L: Reducing Disparities among Latinos and Improving Overall Health through a Diabetes Management Program

Winston Wong, MD serves as Medical Director, Community Benefit, for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan and the Permanente Federation. Dr. Wong is responsible for developing and cultivating partnerships with communities and agencies in advancing population management and evidence based medicine, with a particular emphasis on safety net providers and the elimination of health disparities. His background includes leadership roles in community health, government, and health plan delivery. Dr. Wong was Commissioned Officer of the US Public Health Service from 1993-2003, serving as both the Chief Medical Officer for the Health Resources and Services Administration, Region IX, and its Director of California Operations. He achieved the rank of Captain, and was awarded the Outstanding Service Medal from the US Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Wong received a Master's Degree in health policy and his Medical Degree from University of

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California Berkeley – San Francisco Joint Medical Program after earning a baccalaureate degree in Ethnic Studies. A Board Certified Family Practitioner, and bilingual in Cantonese and Toisanese dialects, Dr. Wong continues a small clinical practice at Asian Health Services, a federally qualified health center in Oakland, California, where he served previously as Medical Director. Dr. Wong has served on a number of state and national advisory groups addressing issues in cultural competence, health care access, and improving health care for vulnerable populations. Currently he serves as the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Health Literacy, the IOM Roundtable on Health Disparities, and the National Quality Forum's Expert Panel on Health Disparities

Tetsuji Yamada, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Obesity, Child Health Management, and State Health Policy**

Tetsuji Yamada, PhD is a Professor of Health Economics for the Department of Economics at Rutgers University, the State University of NJ. He received his PhD in Health Economics from the Graduate School and University Center of the CUNY. Dr. Yamada serves as an Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty for the Department of Childhood Studies and as a Faculty member of the Center for Children and Childhood Studies at Rutgers University. He teaches Economics of Health and Health Care, Economics of Health Behavior and Health Education, and Cost-Benefit Analysis. Dr. Yamada is currently a Researcher with the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center of Stanford University; and is an Invited Research Scholar for the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine and Hosei Institute on Aging, Hosei University in Japan. Prior to his current position at the Rutgers University, Dr. Yamada was an Associate Professor with Ritsumeikan University in Japan. He served as a health economist at the International Leadership Center on Longevity and Society in NY, as a health economics research associate of NBER, as a health economics adviser of the WHO, as a visiting research scholar of the University of Tsukuba in Japan. Dr. Yamada has been internationally active in presenting research papers at various professional conferences/meetings. He serves a referee and reviewer for professional journals, books and research funding organizations.

Sallie C. Yoshida, DrPH, RD

Title of Presentation: **Engaging Community Residents to Improve Access to Healthy Food and Physical Activity for Obesity Prevention**

Sallie Yoshida, DrPH joined Samuels and Associates in 2006 and has been involved in a number of research projects including the development of data collection instruments and data collection, and analysis and reporting of both quantitative and qualitative data involving the influence of the social and built environment on access to food and physical activity. Dr. Yoshida's expertise encompasses chronic disease prevention, particularly child obesity, qualitative methodology, including stakeholder and focus group design and conceptualization of research objectives and study design. Dr. Yoshida previous work included providing daily oversight and management for the Center for

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Advanced Studies in Nutrition and Social Marketing at UC Davis and administered the Center's grant making program. Dr. Yoshida also worked for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program for low income, multi-ethnic families at UC Cooperative Extension in Fresno County. Dr. Yoshida also chaired the county-wide childhood immunization coalition, worked on child hunger awareness and fundraising projects, presented monthly health and nutrition information on local television, and collaborated on various research projects with nutrition specialists at UC Davis. Dr. Yoshida is a registered dietitian and holds a doctorate in public health from the University of California at Berkeley, with a special interest in social determinants of health and health disparities, particularly psychosocial stress and its disproportionate affect on low resource communities.

Mara Youdelman, JD, LLM

Title of Presentation: Language Access — State Laws and Promising Practices

Mara Youdelman has worked at the National Health Law Program (NHeLP) since August 2000 on issues including Medicaid, language access, racial and ethnic disparities, and data collection. Mara is Director of the National Language Access Advocacy Project, funded by the California Endowment to increase awareness of language access issues at the federal level. In this role, Ms. Youdelman coordinates a national coalition of stakeholders to develop a consensus-driven agenda to improve policies and funding for quality health care for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). Ms. Youdelman is co-author of a number of reports on language access. These include NHeLP's Ensuring Linguistic Access in Health Care Settings: Legal Rights and Responsibilities and, from The Commonwealth Fund, a series of "promising practices reports" – Promising Practices for Providing Language Services in Health Care Settings: Examples from the Field, Promising Practices for Providing Language Services in Small Healthcare Provider Settings: Examples from the Field; and Promising Practices for Providing Language Services in State and Local Benefit Offices: Examples from the Field. Ms. Youdelman has participated on advisory panels for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; the National Committee for Quality Assurance; the American Medical Association Ethical Force Program; the National Quality Forum; and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization. Ms. Youdelman jointly authored a report with the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, also funded by The Commonwealth Fund, entitled Racial, Ethnic and Primary Language Data Collection in the Health Care System: An Assessment of Federal Policies and Practices.

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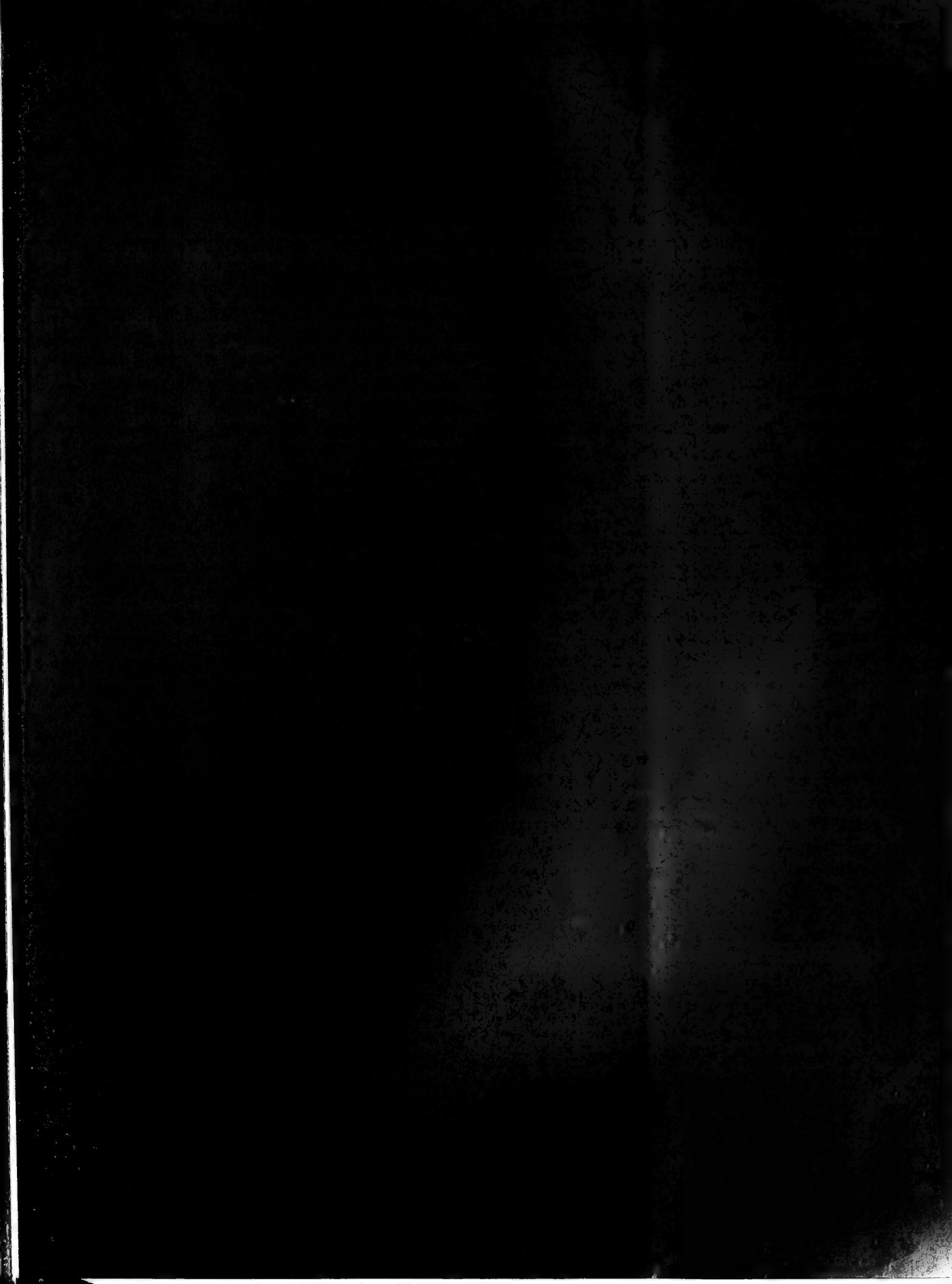
Title of Presentation: Collaboration of a Statewide Academic Panel and a State Office of Minority Health to Improve Evaluation

Betty Yung, PhD is Professor of the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University and has significant experience in training, services, and research on health and social issues affecting ethnic/cultural populations. Dr. Yung has more than 30 publications and 40 national, regional, or local conference presentations focusing on minority health issues with particular emphasis on violence affecting ethnic/cultural groups and culturally sensitive program development and evaluation. She was recently selected to serve on a panel of experts convened by the Centers for Disease Control to develop a publication on evidence-based best practices in youth violence prevention. Dr. Yung is currently the project director of the Research and Evaluation Enhancement Program funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, a project which is directed to developing an ethnic/cultural health research agenda in Ohio and to creating a culturally appropriate evaluation system for use in assessing the outcomes of health promotion projects. In addition, Dr. Yung recently completed a resource directory of faculty from Ohio academic institutions whose work has focused on investigating health disparities in ethnic/cultural populations and/or on the evaluation of minority health initiatives. She also carried out a Nine-county research project on cultural competency in primary care funded by the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Dr. Yung has served as a consultant to various community organizations in grant proposal development, grant writing, and program evaluation.

Joan Zlotnik, PhD, ACSW

Title of Presentation: Strengthening Partnerships with Social Work to Enhance Evidence-Based Practices to Address and Eliminate Racial/Health Disparities at the Individual, Community and Systems Levels

Joan Levy Zlotnik, PhD is the Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research (IASWR). Leading the organization since 2000, Dr. Zlotnik works in the national policy arena with colleagues from other disciplines to promote social work research and behavioral and social science research opportunities. Within the profession, Dr. Zlotnik works with schools of social work and other national organizations to build and enhance research infrastructure and foster applicants' success at garnering federal research grants. She previously worked at the Council on Social Work Education and National Association of Social Workers and has directed federal grants as well as projects supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, John A. Hartford Foundation, Gill Foundation, Kellogg Foundation, Casey Family Programs and the Ford Foundation. Dr. Zlotnik areas of interest include building a competent health and human services workforce, promoting community-university partnerships, evidence-based practice, and dissemination and implementation research.





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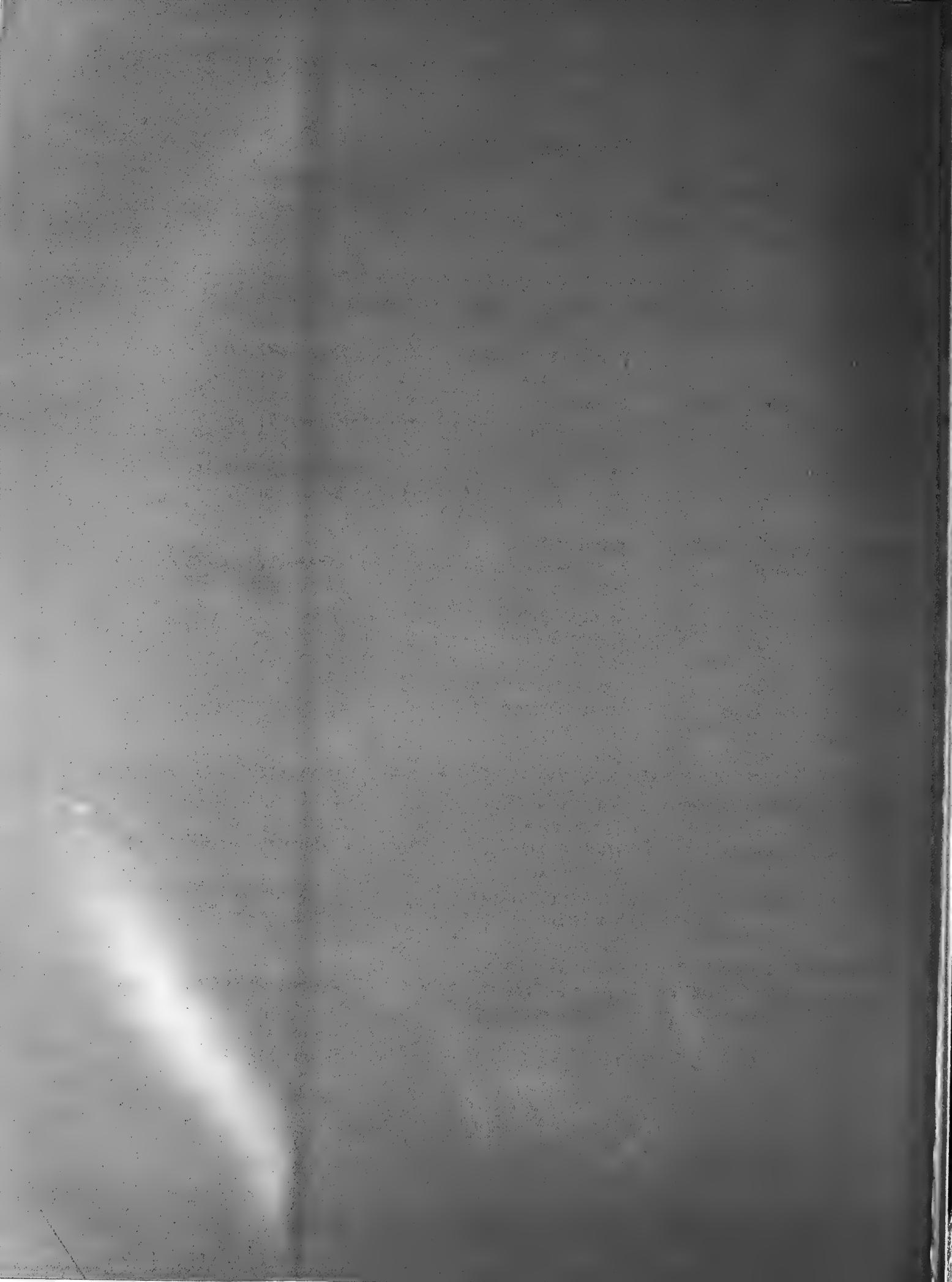
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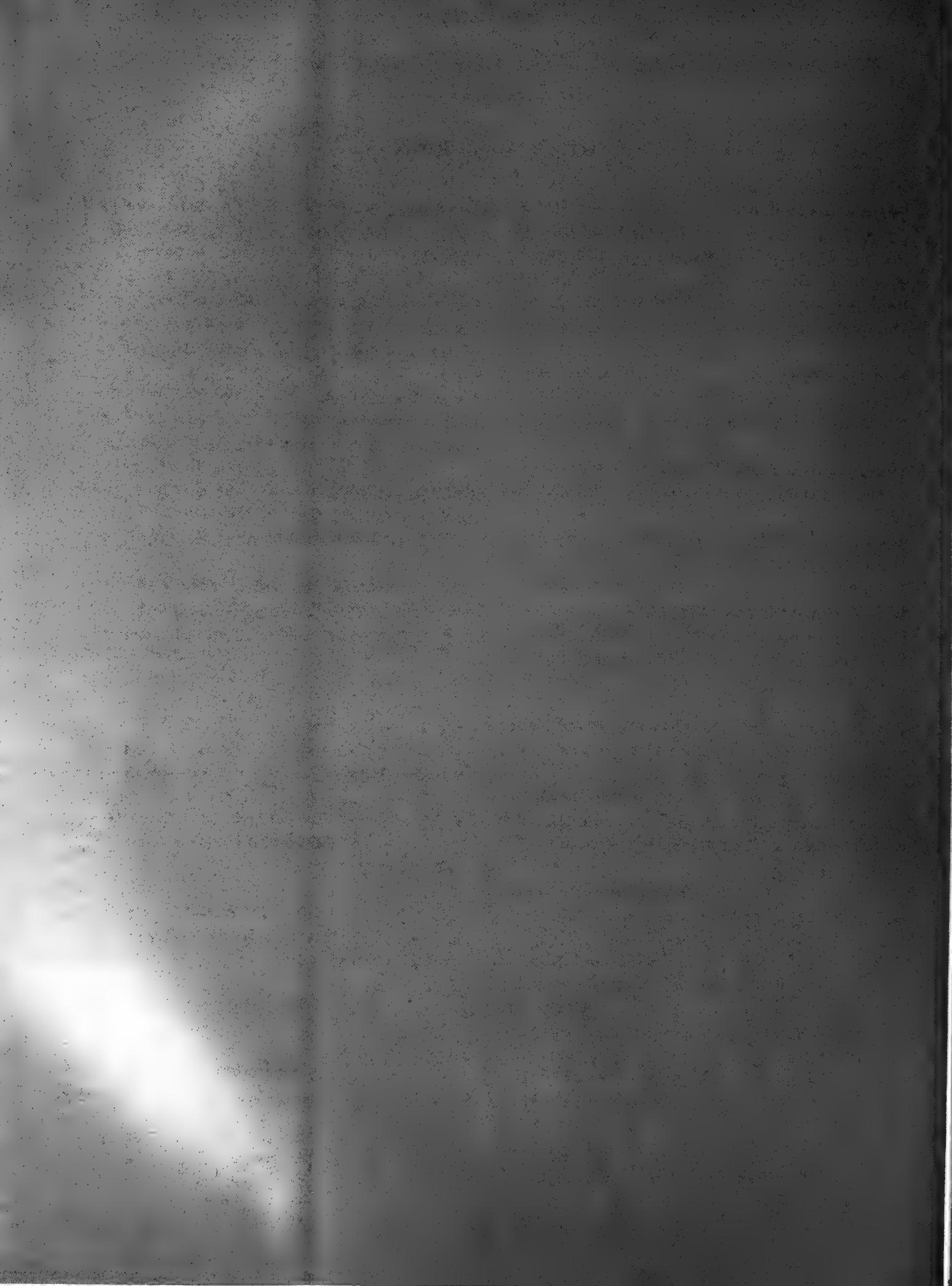
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TRACK 1: INCREASE AWARENESS OF HEALTH DISPARITIES

100. "I Know It!" A Contemporary Comprehensive Sex Education Program for Teens and Their Caregivers

Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc., (SJFMC) a federally qualified community health center, provides pediatric and prenatal care, women's health care, family planning, and health education to patients in medically underserved areas of Atlantic, Burlington, and Salem counties in New Jersey. In December of 2006, the agency launched a Black Infant Mortality Reduction (BIMR) program to address racial/ethnic perinatal health disparities. As one component of the program, BIMR sought to reduce the number of infant deaths due to unplanned pregnancies with a comprehensive sex education program entitled "I Know It". The program, which is taught by a certified health educator, teaches the significance of abstinence, the importance of contraception, and the etiology of STIs through group discussions, PowerPoint presentations and real life experiences. Geared towards teens, young adults and parents, the program is administered in schools, youth detention centers, and churches.

Presenter: Anthony Johnson, BA, CHES

Organization: Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc

101. Addressing Health Disparities in a Minority Student Population

The Department of Exercise Science at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) in collaboration with the Uniformed Services University will assess health status among African American college students and attempt to find new ways to address their health issues.

Presenter: James Heimdal, MEd, PhD

Organization: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

102. Addressing Hepatitis Infection Among Intravenous Drug Users (IVDUs) in Opioid Treatment Programs

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 300 million people worldwide are infected with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). Nearly 4.1 million people (1.6%) in the United States have chronic HCV. Individuals with a history of injecting drugs are at the highest risk of becoming infected with the HCV; however other causes include sexual contact, transfusions or hemodialysis. Highly efficacious vaccines have been available to prevent new Hepatitis A and B; but unfortunately, a vaccine for HCV is not available.

Presenter: Kourtney Marshall, MPP

Organization: National Public Health and Hospital Institute

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103. American Indians in Oklahoma: A Priority Population for Oklahoma's State Cardiovascular Health Examination Survey, 2007-2009

American Indians (AIs) are the largest minority group in OK (8% of the state population). In 1999-2003 (IHS-linked rates), AIs and Blacks had the highest age-adjusted mortality rates for ischemic heart disease (HD) and stroke in OK and are at increased risk for high blood pressure (HBP) and high cholesterol (CHOL). State-level data are unavailable that allow states to monitor progress towards HP 2010 Goals for BP and CHOL or to inform state decision-makers about local burden

Presenter: Hylan Shoob, PhD, MSPH

Organization: US Department of Health and Human Services,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

104. An Ecological Assessment of Factors Underlying Health and Social Disparities for HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Services in the "Deep South"

From 1996 to 2001, while other U.S. regions estimated AIDS cases decreased or remained constant, the south increased from 40% to 46%, primarily due to increases among rural African American women. To address this disparity and improve access to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse services, we need to develop a stronger theoretical and empirical basis for understanding how the underlying multilevel social, cultural, historical, environmental, political, and economic structures and processes dynamically interact with individual factors (behaviors, demographic characteristics, and socioeconomic position), particularly in rural areas. Recent national reports emphasize the importance of ecological interventions that incorporate structural factors into substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Understanding the unique characteristics of rural areas in the south is an essential component of building the capacity of communities to create a mutually supportive environment that facilitates the success of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment approaches.

Presenter: Deena Murphy, PhD

Organization: National Development and Research Institutes, Inc

105. An Educational Intervention to Provide Heart Disease and Stroke Awareness and Prevention to an Urban African American Community

Introduction: This year an estimated 700,000 Americans will have a new coronary attack and about 500,000 will have a recurrent attack. About 700,000 Americans will have a new or recurrent stroke this year. African Americans have a high prevalence of stroke and coronary heart disease risk factors, patient delays in seeking medical care, delays in diagnosis and treatment of high risk individuals as well as limited access to stroke and cardiovascular care (Clark, 2005). Given these alarming statistics, it is vital that culturally relevant heart disease and stroke prevention information be provided to the African American community. The purpose of this intervention study is to increase knowledge and awareness about coronary heart disease and stroke, warning signs, risk factors and prevention in and urban African American community change. The data collection

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instrument is the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey from the Centers of Disease Control and prevention (BRFSS). The educational intervention will be targeted to selected wards in the District of Columbia with high rates of heart disease and stroke and related risk factors based on data from BRFSS (CDC, 2006). The theoretical approach is based on social cognitive theory and the Stages of change.

Presenter: Carolyn Covington, MSN, PhD
Organization: Howard University

106. Building Health Research Capacity among Indigenous Populations

In an effort to address the paucity of Indigenous researchers in North America and beyond, an innovative international public health research training program for Indigenous health professionals was developed through a US-Canada partnership. The initial activity of this initiative was to conduct two Indigenous Health Institutes to strengthen the capacity of Indigenous health professionals from around the world to engage in research aimed at improving the health status of their people.

Presenter: Kristen Speakman, MA, MPH
Organization: University of Alberta, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health

107. Camp Coho: A Grief Camp Model for Special Populations

Alaska Native children living in remote communities do not have access to cancer support resources generally available in less remote settings. There are few cancer support programs for children that incorporate cultural values. Camp Coho is a one-day camp that helps Alaska Native children ages 6–12 years better understand and share their feelings about losing a loved one. Each child teams up with a Big Buddy. Camp Coho provides activities based on national standards to support children who have lost someone close to them. The camp honors the child's culture and incorporates cultural values. Campers learn healthy ways to remember the person and better understand their own feelings of loss.

Presenter: Christine A DeCourtney, MPA
Organization: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

108. Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Healthy African-Americans

African-Americans (AA) have a higher prevalence of hypertension, insulin resistance, obesity and obesity-related conditions than Caucasians (CA). These multiple risk factors contribute to high rates of mortality from cardiovascular disease (CVD). Risk of CVD is often determined by various criteria as specified in definitions for Metabolic Syndrome (MetS), but cardiovascular fitness and C-reactive protein (CRP) levels may also be important.

Presenter: Stacy Zeno, MS
Organization: USUHS and Henry M Jackson Foundation

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109. Check Up! Or Check Out! An African American Male Health Initiative - A Public Health-Managed Care Collaboration to Improve Preventive Health Service Utilization among African American Males

The disproportionate morbidity and premature death of African American men is a growing epidemic both nationally and in the State of Michigan.. In Michigan, about 40 percent of black males do not reach age 65. On average, black men in Michigan live seven years less than white men, eight years less than black women, and 13 years less than white women.

Presenter: Patrick Jackson, MBA

Organization: Michigan Department of Community Health

110. Chronic Disease and Health Disparities in the US Air Force

Little is known about the presence of health disparities in chronic diseases within the military where access to health care is freely available and preventive services are encouraged.

Presenter: Jennifer Hatzfeld, PhD, RN

Organization: Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing

111. Creation of a State Guidance Document for African American Men and Blood Pressure Control

A guidance document was created for CDC-funded state heart disease and stroke prevention programs to use in program development efforts addressing blood pressure control in African American men. A systematic literature review was conducted using the Internet, scientific journals, and other sources to document the burden of high blood pressure, delineate psychosocial factors surrounding disparate morbidity and mortality rates, and identify promising systems-level interventions. One hour key informant interviews were conducted on a subset of nine interventions that were selected for further study as a result of our search. In addition, men's health resources were gathered and an expert panel was engaged through conference calls and e-mails to give input and guidance.

Presenter: Bernadette Ford Lattimore, MPH

Organization: US Department of Health and Human Services,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

112. Disparate Impact: How Inequities in Health Care Quality Affect Latinos and How to Address Them

Health reform discussions generally focus on providing health coverage to all Americans, which is a critical step for improving access to care. Research shows, however, that disparities in health care exist for Latinos and other minorities, even within the insured population. NCLR identifies inequities in health care quality that may be contributing to negative health outcomes which must be addressed through policy change and overall reform. NCLR suggests corresponding practices and models that have already

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demonstrated some success in promoting high-quality care experiences and that could be incorporated into health care reform proposals.

Presenter: Kara Ryan, MPP
Organization: National Council of La Raza

113. Empowering Change Through Health Information Access

The mission of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all U.S. health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

Presenter: Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, MSLIS
Organization: National Network of Libraries of Medicine

114. Exploring Successful Weight Loss Strategies for African American Women

Obesity is recognized as a preventable disease, yet the prevalence of obesity is higher among African American women, complicated by the associated co-morbidities of the disease. Some have suggested a bio-psychosocial approach, while others embrace the notions of personal responsibility and ecological approaches. Yet others suggest that because obesity is now at epidemic and pandemic levels, government intervention is required. Effective strategies to prevent, manage or reduce obesity may be closely tied to the roles that nurses take on as educators, teachers, case finding and collaboration with other disciplines and stakeholders. Identifying variables influencing weight loss in this population is significant because we do not know enough about successful weight loss in African American women. Increased knowledge regarding which strategies are effective for weight loss with African American women can support nurses who are situated at the point of care, in their roles as educators, health advocates, health counselors, researchers and advanced practice nurses in implementing effective interventions.

Presenter: Richardeanea Theodore, PhD
Organization: Adelphi University

115. Health Disparities of Vietnamese Refugees and Immigrants

According to the Journal of Aging and Health (2008), Vietnamese-Americans ages 55 and over are at a particularly high-risk for physical and mental distress due to resettlement at a later age and due to pre-migration trauma suffered in refugee and communist labor camps. Many individuals within this demographic are reluctant to discuss their health and mental illnesses with a professional, and in the instances they are reported, show a higher prevalence of health and mental health illnesses compared to non-Latino whites. Furthermore, cancer remains the leading cause of death amongst Asian-Americans, with cervical cancer amongst the highest incidence rate in Vietnamese women being five

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times higher than the rate among Caucasian women. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death with a prevalence rate of 37.5 per 100,000 people.

Presenter: Quynh Nguyen
Organization: Boat People SOS

116. Health Disparities: The African Immigrant Perspective

An immigrant is any individual that has left his or her native country by choice and made his new country home. A refugee is any person who is outside his or her own country of nationality and who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or well-founded fear of persecution which may be based on individual's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular group or political opinion. The state of Georgia has one of the biggest Refugee resettlement programs in the South-east of the United States. Over the past years, data from the DeKalb County Board of Health shows that the Greater Atlanta area has been experiencing an increase in community populations from Africa. An urgent need exists to establish culturally appropriate and culturally competent interventions that target the African refugees and immigrant populations. Providing culturally competent services means that clients perceive services as relevant to their problems, helpful in achieving the desired outcomes, and comfortable. This entails adapting services to differences in family structures, expectations, preferences, help seeking behavior, world views and class backgrounds; eliminating geographic, linguistic, and other barriers that restrict access to services by consumers of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds; providing on-going cultural competence training for providers, in areas such as cultural identity development, dynamics of difference, culturally-specific interventions, sociopolitical issues, and avoiding the tendency to follow superficial approaches which define cultural competence purely on the basis of skin color, ethnic origin, or religious belief of the provider.

Presenter: Hassan Danesi, MD
Organization: Alliance for Health in the African Diaspora (AHADI)

117. Hepatitis B: Education Screenings and Follow-Up of Asians Through Collaborative Partnerships Across Ohio

It is estimated that 1.25 million people in the United States is chronically infected with Hepatitis B virus (HBV). The National Cancer Institute reported that Asian Americans, compared with white Americans have a 6-13 times higher risk of developing Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) as a result of the HBV infection. Hepatitis B education, screenings and follow-up treatments are necessary for those living in endemic areas and immigrants from Asian countries. In the Asian population, in spite of widespread efforts at screening and treatment there is a need for culturally sensitive awareness and educational programs for patients and providers. This presentation will focus on

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community partnerships to increase awareness of Hepatitis B in the Asian community through education, screenings and culturally appropriate follow-up efforts. Effectiveness of strategies used as well as challenges in implementing this project will be addressed.

Presenter: Cora Munoz, PhD, RN

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118. Integrating Public Health at a Drug Treatment Center

New Age Services Corporation is a community-based organization which has provided adult outpatient methadone therapy services on Chicago's Westside since 1984. At risk persons are provided comprehensive recovery management services including treatment, prevention and the chronic nature of addiction. Our service areas are in the highest ranking for the percent living below the poverty level, the level of unemployment and lowest median household income. Crime and domestic violence are everyday issues. The social injustices that are intertwined with social and health inequities intersect with drug treatment daily.

Presenter: Kathye Gorosh, MBA

Organization: New Age Services

119. La Vida Sana, La Vida Feliz: An Innovative Wellness Program for Women

In the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago, 35% of adults are overweight, exceeding the national average of 24%. This rate can be linked to the fact that only 33% of adult females in Humboldt Park are moderately active and 30% of Humboldt Park residents do not understand nutrition guidelines. Erie Family Health Center, a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in Chicago serving 30,000 patients annually, and the Greater Humboldt Park Community of Wellness collaboratively developed the La Vida Sana, La Vida Feliz (Healthy Life, Happy Life) program to respond to needs in this community. The goal of the La Vida Sana program is to promote a healthy weight in low income Latinas in Humboldt Park who are disproportionately affected by obesity and face a number of barriers to weight loss, such as access to healthy foods, time, economic resources, family commitments, motivation, etc. Each of these barriers is addressed as part of the program.

Presenter: Amy Valukas, MPH

Organization: Erie Family Health Center

120. Mission to Health: A Pioneering Chronic Disease Prevention Program for the Faith-Based Pan African Community

Mission to Health (M2H) is an innovative faith-based chronic disease prevention program targeting the "Pan African" communities of Miami-Dade County, Florida. It meets the Healthy People 2010 goal of reducing prevalence of overweight and obesity among pan-Africans, a group whose prevalence is higher for these conditions than among

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whites. Being overweight or obese raises the risk of several chronic illnesses including cardiovascular disease (CVD) and type-2 diabetes.

Presenter: Tori Gabriel, MBA
Organization: Florida Heart Research Institute

121. Patient Centered Care in the United States: Findings from the 5th Annual National Healthcare Disparities Report

The Institute of Medicine identifies patient centeredness as a core component of quality health care. The 2007 NHDR includes one core measure of patient centeredness—a composite measure on the patient experience of care—and two new supplemental measures. Because access to a diverse workforce of health care providers is an important component of patient centered health care for many patients, the report includes supplemental measures of workforce diversity—race/ethnicity of the Nation's physician and registered nurse (RN) workforce. A supplemental measure focusing on health literacy of US adults is also presented.

Presenter: Karen Ho, MHS
Organization: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

122. Psychiatric Service Utilization among Hispanics Living in the United States: Differences by Ethnic Subgroup and Acculturation, and Ethnic Identity

Epidemiologic studies have documented disparities between Hispanics and non-Hispanic Whites in mental health service utilization, but few studies have examined disorder-specific disparities within the context of ethnically- and culturally-specific risk factors. The present study examines the role of ethnic subgroup, acculturation, and ethnic identity in predicting mental health service utilization for mood, anxiety, and substance use disorders (SUDs) in the US.

Presenter: Katherine Keyes, MPH
Organization: Columbia University

123. Racial/Ethnic Healthcare Disparities among US Adolescents

Using the National Survey of Children's Health in 2003-2004, a nationally representative phone survey of parents of children 0-17 years old, disparities in 40 measures of medical and oral health, access, and use of services for all adolescents 10-17 years old were examined. In multivariable analyses adjusting for 8 covariates, many disparities persisted for each minority group, including increased odds of suboptimal medical and oral health status, overweight, asthma, medical and dental uninsured, no usual source of care, not receiving all needed medical or dental care, problems getting specialty care, no medical or dental visit in the past year, and difficulties getting prescriptions. Specific Racial/Ethnic groups had certain marked disparities: for Latinos, suboptimal health status; for African-Americans, suboptimal oral health status, and not receiving all needed prescriptions; for Asian Pacific Islanders, unmet medical needs due to health plan problems, unmet dental needs due to transportation and scheduling barriers, and no

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physician visit in the past year; and for Native Americans, overweight, no medical or dental insurance, no usual source of care, not receiving all needed medical care, and problems getting specialty care. Multiracial youth also had many disparities. This poster will examine R/E healthcare disparities in adolescents.

Presenter: May Lau, MD, MPH
Organization: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

124. Reducing the Incidence Rate of Cardiovascular Disease in African Americans by Educating Community Health Workers Using Culturally Sensitive Community-Based Health Education Strategies

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death among African Americans. African Americans are 30% more likely to die of a heart attack and 78% more likely to die of a stroke than Whites. Research shows that people with more education are less likely to die from chronic diseases. By utilizing culturally sensitive community-based health education strategies, community health workers can make a substantial impact on reducing the incidence of cardiovascular disease in the African American population.

Presenter: Natille Duncan, MSEd, MIT
Organization: My Brother's Keeper, Inc

125. Responding to a Growing HIV Problem for Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States: The Role of University and Community Collaboratives

Although total HIV/AIDS cases and estimated prevalence for Asian/Pacific Islanders (API's) in the U.S. are relatively low, there are alarming indicators of rapid increase. Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published startling statistics, indicating that annual HIV/AIDS diagnosis rates are increasing among APIs in the U.S. faster than in any other racial groups. The CDC's analysis, based on a review of data, showed that of all racial groups, APIs had the highest estimated annual percentage change in annual HIV/AIDS diagnosis rates. In fact, APIs were the only racial group with statistically significant percentage increases in annual HIV/AIDS diagnosis rate, with API women having the largest increase of all.

Presenter: Todd Sabato, PhD
Organization: James Madison University

126. Rights, Responsibilities and Solutions: Avoid Disasters for the Special Needs Population and Comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule

Individuals with special needs often have not received important public information about emergencies, were not evacuated, were unable to access shelters, and failed to receive emergency response services, appropriate medical intervention, and vital human services. Many have died as a result. Several "lessons learned" reports from Hurricane Katrina noted the importance of including the special needs population in emergency planning, response, and recovery efforts for those efforts to be successful. In addition, these reports and other accounts have surfaced confusion about and potential

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misapplication of the HIPAA Privacy Rule in emergency response situations as well as uncertainty regarding how health information may be shared for planning. OCR will provide guidance on serving special needs populations and complying with the HIPAA Privacy Rule in emergencies.

Presenter: Linda Sanches
Organization: US Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

127. Showcasing Successful SAMHSA Grantees Serving the Latino/Hispanic Population

This Poster will showcase success stories of currently funded Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Substance abuse treatment and prevention grantees serving the Latino/Hispanic Population. The Poster will provide an overview of the program structure of each grant. It will also feature program graduates/consumers who have successfully completed the program and how they overcame personal obstacles in order to enter into recovery.

Presenter: Candace Kattar, BA, JD, BSN
Larke Huang, PhD
Organization: Candace Kattar and Identity, Inc, US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

128. Tackling Significant Health Disparities Faced by Rural and Disadvantaged Minority Populations in the State of Mississippi

While Mississippi annually ranks near the very bottom when dealing with social issues such as education; the state has the unenviable label of leading the entire US in racial and ethnic health care disparities. Mississippi has the highest percentage of African American population per capita and leads the nation in mortality rates due to CVD, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and stroke.

Presenter: Sean Abram, PhD
Organization: The University of Mississippi Medical Center

129. The Men's Health League - A Community Health Partnership for Men

In 2007, three institutions in the city of Cambridge joined forces to address the disproportionate burden of chronic diseases in the community. The goal of this partnership between Cambridge Health Alliance, a regional public healthcare system which includes the city's health department, the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House and the Cambridge Family YMCA is to reduce the risk of diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and stroke among men of color in Cambridge since data clearly showed racial disparities in these areas.

Presenter: Claude-Alix Jacob, MPH
Organization: Cambridge Public Health Department

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130. The Move Project: A Stroke Prevention and Education Initiative

Strokes are the third leading cause of death. A leading cause that can directly be controlled and prevented. More accessible, cultural appropriate, and positive nurturing environments are needed. Strokes affect African Americans twice as often as Caucasians and twice as many African Americans die from their strokes than Caucasians yet the number of individuals that seek healthcare in the African American community is lower than their Caucasian counterparts. There may be several reasons such as lack of clinics within the community, higher unemployment rate meaning lack of insurance, and the lack of finances. A goal of the National Stroke Association is to decrease the incidence and risk of stroke by 25%. It will take members of the communities, especially the minority community to impact that change. Through this project we hope to increase access to healthcare, minimize those barriers, and educate our communities about the risk factors and what to do if they exhibit signs and symptoms of a stroke. This project will be a mobile project that will go out into the high risk, underserved communities of Birmingham and provide education and basic screenings.

Presenter: Sheila Fells, BSN, MSN
Organization: Arlington Clinic

131. The Primary Language Spoken at Home and Healthcare Disparities in US Adolescents

Multiple disparities exist in medical and oral health, access, and use of services for NEPL adolescents. Among NEPL adolescents, Latino and Asian Pacific Islander (API) adolescents experience several specific disparities. In multivariable analyses adjusting for 8 covariates, NEPL adolescents had significantly greater adjusted odds vs. EPL adolescents of suboptimal medical and oral health status, medical and dental uninsured, no usual source of care, and no medical or dental visit in the last year. Compared with NEPL White's, NEPL Latino's had greater odds of suboptimal medical and oral health status, whereas NEPL APIs had greater odds of no medical visit in the last year, and NEPL Latinos and APIs had greater odds of no usual source of care.

Presenter: May Lau, MD, MPH
Organization: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

132. The Role of Health Literacy in Reducing Health Disparities - Combining Collaborative Efforts

The Center for Health Policy has developed a unique statewide model, the Missouri Health Equity Collaborative to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities. We have also collaborated to establish Health Literacy Missouri which aims to improve the health literacy of all Missourians. Our initial work has provided evidence for a strong link between the health disparities and health literacy. Health literacy reflects one's ability to obtain, process, and understand basic health information to make health decisions. Over a third of Americans (nearly 90 million) have low health literacy. Minorities are disproportionately affected. While only 15% of whites were estimated to have low health

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literacy: (48%) of American Natives, (54%) of African Americans, and (66%) of Latinos were estimated to have low health literacy.

Presenter: Stanton T Hudson, MA
Organization: University of Missouri

133. To Eliminate Health Disparities Among Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders: Role of Community Based Participatory Research

The Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander population is the fastest growing minority population, increasing by 140 percent between 1990 and 2000. This rapid increase translates into many challenges, and health is just one of the many. For decades our diverse culture, language and histories, as well as "stories" have been documented by non-Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (NHOPI) researchers and often processed through western lenses. The goal of this presentation is to assess the role of community based participatory research and lend support for its important contribution in overcoming the data limitations with understanding the health of NHOPIs.

Presenter: Leafe Taumoepeau
Organization: Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Pacific Islander Health Initiative

134. Understanding Health Disparities in the Deaf Community

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has estimated that three and a half percent of the US population has a lot of trouble hearing or is deaf. Persons with hearing loss face communicative challenges in the health care system and have reported worse health status than persons with normal hearing. A subset of those with hearing loss, members of the Deaf Community comprise a unique cultural and linguistic minority. There are an estimated 2 million adults who are members of this cultural group. Members of the Deaf Community are particularly at risk for negative health outcomes including HIV infection due to communication, cultural and logistical factors. Estimates of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the US deaf/hard-of-hearing community range from 2,640 to 40,000 – a rate 67% higher than the general population.

Presenter: Laura Lessard, MPH
Organization: Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

135. What's in Your Label?

Hispanics constitute a large minority group in the US. They are considered to be, the fastest growing population, projected to account for 24-29% of the US population by 2050. Research supports the fact that Hispanics are at a disadvantage when compared with other ethnic groups in regard to many areas, among those, obesity and diabetes type 2 management. Additional factors adding to this disadvantage include lack of health related education as well as cultural and language barriers. Recent research has

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disclosed that more men than women are interested in reading nutritional labels and a fewer percentage would change a food choice based on reading a nutritional label.

Presenter: Donaji Stelzig, MPH
Organization: The University of Texas

TRACK 2: STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS

200. Applying the Community Health Worker Model to Build Community Capacity and Leadership to Promote Health in Asian American Populations

New York City (NYC) is the home to nearly a million documented and undocumented Asian Americans, many of whom lack social enclaves, community resources, and language capacity that would facilitate access to health providers and assist in health promotion efforts. Community health workers (CHWs) can serve as important cultural mediators, bridging communities with the healthcare system. A fundamental attribute of these individuals is that they are indigenous to the community, providing them with a unique understanding of the norms, attitudes, values, and strengths of community members. Congruent with community-based participatory research approaches, the CHW model is effective in communities that require a culturally-sensitive and contextualized framework for health promotion and intervention. The power underlying the CHW approach stems from the multi-theoretical roots of community organizing, social support, social network, self-efficacy, and peer models.

Presenter: Rhodora Ursua, MPH
Organization: Project AsPIRE

201. Empowering High School Youth to be Leaders in Eliminating a Major Health Disparity in United States

The prevalence of chronic Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, a vaccine preventable disease, is over 60 times greater among foreign-born Asian Pacific Islander (API) than the general population, making it the greatest US ethnic health disparity. Chronic HBV infection increases liver cancer risk, and although uncommon in Caucasians, is the second cause of cancer death in API men. Lack of awareness impedes elimination of HBV. To motivate API youth to address this major health disparity, we hold an annual 4-day Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) on API health addressing topics from basic HBV knowledge, to cultural competency, project development, and health communications.

Presenter: Amy Yu, BAS
Organization: Stanford University

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202. Empowering Promoters for Leadership in Latino Health and Well Being

Montgomery County, Maryland has been at the forefront of addressing Latino health disparities since 2000, when the County established the Latino Health Initiative (LHI). In 2006, the LHI's model health promoter program Vías de la Salud developed a five-year strategic plan that envisions expanded roles for the volunteer, lay promoters, besides that of individual-level behavior change agents. The plan outlines goals and objectives for transforming the promoters into advocates and leaders for community- and system-level changes and for strengthening their capacities to potentially increase cultural and linguistic responsiveness in the County's formal workforce.

Presenter: Mercedes Moore, RN
Organization: Montgomery County DHHS

203. Empowering Youth Through Local Synergy and Peer to Peer Education - A Summer Health Education Experience

Ward 8 is a unique community located in the southernmost point of the District of Columbia (DC). 92.4% of Ward 8 residents are African American with the highest poverty rates in the District of Columbia. In 2007, DC ranked highest in childhood obesity rates across the nation. Ward 8 youth were most obese compared to youth in other wards in DC. In an effort to prevent obesity, promote health, and reduce risky behaviors among teenagers, Summit Health Institute for Research Education (SHIRE) implemented the Summer Teen Health Education Program. This program trained youth ages 12- 19 to become peer health educators in the Ward 8 community.

Presenter: Jenne Johns, MPH
Organization: Summit Health Institute for Research and Education

204. Fostering New and Diverse Advocates for Change: Integrating Service Learning Projects into Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities

The authors will discuss the effective integration of multi-disciplinary service learning projects into a community campus partnership designed to reduce health disparities related to cervical cancer. A strategy that engages youth from the communities impacted (high school as well as undergraduate and graduate students), and students from disciplines outside of traditional health careers eg library and information sciences as well as students pursuing traditional health careers will be presented. The service learning projects have exposed the students to community based participatory approaches, research and advocacy. In addition these projects have provided important benefits to the community in that they have extended the resources available, increased community capacity, brought new perspectives and skills to the partnership.

Presenter: Martha Moore-Monroy, MA
Annabelle Nunez, MA
Organization: University of Arizona

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205. Motivations for Community Involvement in Addressing Cancer Disparities in Queens, NY

To successfully mobilize and sustain community involvement in addressing health disparities, it is essential to understand individuals' motivations for becoming and staying involved. This abstract explores reasons for volunteer involvement in Cancer Action Councils (CACs) created in the Queens Library HealthLink project (QLHL). The QLHL is an National Cancer Institute -funded community-based participatory research project – libraries act as bases for community organizing and delivery of information to increase access to cancer screening, prevention, and treatment in diverse low-income neighborhoods in Queens, NY.

Presenter: Tamara Michel, MPH
Organization: Queens Library

206. Poised at the Brink of History: Advancing National Health Agenda for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Communities by Supporting a Leadership Advocacy Body

There is little published information about the health/healthcare disparities experienced by Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI), either general or for specific groups. The little data that exist show that Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) communities are poor and in some instances; reflect the highest rates of health/healthcare disparities in the nation. As such, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is supporting and implementing a NHPI national health agenda; and one of the strategies being developed is a leadership advocacy body.

Presenter: Taunuu Ve'e-Remmers, MA
Organization: Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

207. Teen Health Leadership Project

The largest minority population on the island are African Americans, however, the Hispanic population is rapidly expanding. St. John's High School is the only public high school on St. John's island and is a Title I school. In collaboration with the Charleston County School District and multiple community organizations, Teen Health Leaders Project (THLP) seeks to empower high school students to assist and serve their community. The project provides health literacy training as well as leadership development skills, enabling the students to design and implement outreach projects to improve the awareness and use of quality health information in their community. Through a series of experiential opportunities and mentorship, the THLP also seeks to encourage young people of diverse backgrounds to become health professionals.

Presenter: Melissa Cox, MPH
Organization: Medical University of South Carolina

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TRACK 3: ENHANCE PATIENT-PROVIDER COMMUNICATION

300. A National Online Resource for Multi-Language Medication Instructions

With almost 4 billion prescriptions being filled each year, making sure that every patient takes their medication correctly is critical to patient safety. In some stores, a pharmacist has as little as two to three minutes to fill each prescription and does not have adequate time to counsel patients, let alone communicate with those who do not speak English. Medication mistakes are the most common form of medical errors in the United States and results in 3.6 million office visits, 700,000 emergency room visits, and 117,000 hospitalizations each year according to a report on medication safety from the Institute of Medicine. And pharmacies are frequently criticized by immigrant and consumer advocacy groups for failing to help non or limited English-speaking persons with their medications. Medication is a new web-based resource which enables clinicians and pharmacists to provide individualized medication instructions to low health literate and limited English proficient patients in many languages.

Presenter: Charles Lee, MD
Organization: Polyglot Systems, Inc

301. A Qualitative Study of the Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs About Blood Pressure Control and Treatment of Ohio African American Men: The Implications for a Tailored Educational Campaign

The Ohio Department of Health Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (ODH HDSP) in partnership with the Ohio Commission on African American Males conducted focus groups with African American men in Ohio to assess their knowledge, attitude and beliefs about the prevention and control of high blood pressure. ODH HDSP also conducted structured interviews with health care providers treating African American males to assess their practices; perceived barriers to prevention; treatment and management methods for high blood pressure; and provider communication strategies.

Presenter: Janelle Edwards, MPH, CHES
Organization: Ohio Department of Health

302. Culturally Competent Interventions in Genetics Education to Reduce Health Disparities in Asian American Women

Asian American women who are pregnant or of reproductive age, and who may be at risk for bearing children with birth defects and genetic disorders face cultural, linguistic and other barriers which prevent them from using genetic information and accessing genetic-related services. The Charles B Wang Community Health Center, in collaboration with the March of Dimes and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), developed culturally competent genetics education interventions for Chinese and Korean communities in New York City to reduce this health disparity.

Presenter: Sandra Tanamugsukbovon, MPH
Organization: Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

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303. Disparities for Depression Treatment Among Asian Americans: Can the Internet Help Empower Asian American Consumers with Mental Health Difficulty

There is a great disparity for depression treatment among Asian Americans as compared to whites and other racial/ethnic groups. Asian Americans often associate depression with shame and stigma beliefs and avoid depression treatment. The Internet may be a useful source for providing depression information to Asian Americans. The Internet is used by many Asian Americans and allows for anonymous access of information related to depression. Asian Americans can access this information without family members or other individuals knowing that an individual accessed such information. To our knowledge, we believe that we are the first study to address developing a depression information website for Asian Americans.

Presenter: Joshua Fogel, PhD

Organization: Brooklyn College

304. Effective Health Information Technology System for Reducing Health Disparity in Multi-Ethnic Populations

The point of care based health information technology system supports risk-assessment of people, on-site, while supporting all cultural and linguistic requirements for the people. The follow up care of these people utilizing patient history, combined with culturally and linguistically relevant data provides a well defined need-specific platform for health promotion and patient centric risk assessment. While this system accommodates patients of multiple ethnicities, it can also be readily applied for all populations.

Presenter: Alok Sarwal, PhD

Organization: Colorado Asian Health Education and Promotion

305. Influences on Cancer Care Practices among Physicians in American Samoa

The proposed pilot study focuses on cancer treatment decision-making among physicians at Lyndon Baines Johnson Tropical Medical Center (LBJTMC) located in Pago Pago, Territory of American Samoa. In comparison to medical facilities in the fifty US states, LBJTMC is relatively limited in cancer care resources (e.g., no pathology lab, one staff oncologist, limited supplies for screening tests, variation in physicians knowledge of standards of cancer care). Despite disparities in the health and cancer care infrastructure, LBJTMC is the only medical facility in the territory. As such, it is generally, the first point of contact for patients receiving abnormal or suspicious cancer screening results in the territory. In this environment of limited resources,

Presenter: Jennifer Tofaeono, MBA

Organization: American Samoa Community Cancer Network

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306. Measuring the Prevalence and Correlates of Perceived Discrimination and Health System Distrust in South Carolina Women

Health outcomes have improved with advances in public health. However, those advances have not appeared equally across certain diseases, such as cervical cancer, and certain groups, especially minority groups and underserved populations. Perceived discrimination and distrust in the health care system have been posited as potential contributors to health disparities.

Presenter: Jessica D Bellinger, PhD, MPH

Organization: University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health

307. Strategies to Increase Underrepresented Minorities in Occupational and Environmental Medicine Training Programs

Minority physicians remain underrepresented throughout the medical specialties and this includes the field of occupational and environmental medicine (OEM). Minorities have been shown to bear an inequitable environmental burden and as such may be at greater risk for environmental related illness. Although minorities comprise 28% of the American population, the percentage of minority medical students has remained relatively constant at about 10% since 1970 and URM faculty represent less than 5% of US medical school faculties. The American College of Physicians (2003) expressed their belief that increasing the number of minority physicians and other health-care professionals will help reduce health care disparities that can hurt minority populations and lead to poor health outcomes. Studies indicate that URM physicians are more likely to serve the poor and uninsured.

Presenter: Judith McKenzie, MD, MPH

Organization: University of Pennsylvania Medical Center

308. The Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health

The Strategic Framework for Improving Racial/Ethnic Minority Health and Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities (Framework) presents a broad vision for system-level approaches that improve our knowledge and understanding of health disparities. The Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic and Minority Health (MIGMH) is nested within the OMH systems approach, serving as a mechanism for change and capacity building among its partners. This poster examines MIGMH's role in the planned dissemination of Health Information Technology (HIT) among a network of small rural hospitals and associated ambulatory clinics and highlights lessons learned throughout the process.

Presenter: Warren Jones, MD

Organization: University of Mississippi Medical Center

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309. The Relationship Between Socio-Demographic Characteristics, Online Health Information Seeking Experiences and Participation in Health Care Decision-Making

Education, income, race and other socio-demographic factors were examined as determinants of experiences to find health information online and to identify their subsequent impact on perceived ability participate in health care decision-making.

Presenter: Jennifer Bishop, ScD, MPH

Organization: Harvard University School of Public Health

TRACK 4: IMPROVE CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY IN DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICES

400. A New Paradigm: The Linkage of Public Health and Medicine

Health disparities exist between ethnic, geographic and economic classes, thus a shift in medical education is imperative. Illness is not a product of disease alone, the environment in which a person lives and social determinants influence health status. To research and understand health disparities, we must train future physicians to recognize that a social diagnosis is as important as a medical diagnosis.

Presenter: Lily Velarde, PhD

Organization: University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

401. Asian Americans in Therapy: The Problem of Self-Disclosure

Literature on group and individual psychotherapy with Asian Americans consistently cite self-disclosure as a barrier to treatment progress. Specifically, multicultural counseling literature suggests that Asian Americans' avoidance of conflict, saving face, use of indirect communication, gender role differences, and preferences for hierarchical relationships, reduced their self-disclosure in therapeutic settings.

Presenter: Young Hoang, MS

Organization: Howard University

402. Assessing Clinicians' Knowledge of Culturally Competent Care for Minorities Living with HIV/AIDS in the United States

Minority populations in the United States continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS and face substantial cultural challenges when seeking health care. Clinicians can help decrease current health disparities among minorities living with HIV/AIDS by becoming aware of these challenges, thus increasing the effectiveness of their patient encounters. The field of cultural competency has emerged in health care in part to address socio-cultural factors contributing to health disparities. There is some evidence

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that cultural competency training improves providers' knowledge of and skills in this area. However, available literature is largely not based on original data.

Presenter: Jesus Felizzola, MD, MHSA, MA
Organization: National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center (NMAETC)

403. Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Cultural Competence Curriculum for First Year Medical Students

An integral part of solving the problem of disparities in health care is the development of culturally competent health care providers. A cultural competence curriculum was developed, implemented, and evaluated in a group of first year medical students. The results indicate that becoming culturally competent is an evolutionary process. As the United States population grows increasingly diverse, the issue of disparity in health care becomes more important. A key component to solving the problem of disparity in health care is the development and implementation of cultural competence curricula for health professions students. Health professions students must understand and recognize that the cultural context of a patient's illness is essential to developing a successful therapeutic relationship and improving health outcomes.

Presenter: Jessie Legros, MPH
Organization: The National Center for Public Health Informatics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

404. Disparities in Cancer: The Importance of Cultural Competency and Initiatives to Reduce Cultural Barriers in Cancer Care

Despite notable advances in cancer prevention, screening, and treatment, a disproportionate number of racial and ethnic minorities are not benefiting from such important progress. Underlying causes of cancer disparities are complex, but research has demonstrated the substantial impact that culture plays throughout the cancer experience. This presentation will provide a discussion of current cultural competency initiatives in cancer care; an analysis of the trends in state cultural competency legislation with respect to cancer; and provide suggestions for future directions in programs and legislation to address cultural competency in cancer care.

Presenter: Stephanie David, JD
Organization: American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network

405. Enhancing the Capacity of Emergency Managers to Respond to Hispanic Communities

Disasters such as the September 11 terrorist attacks and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita exposed deficiencies in the emergency preparedness and disaster response system to deal with Hispanic communities. In each of these events, preparedness and response efforts were hampered by the inability of government and disaster relief agencies to provide information and services in Spanish, a lack of understanding about relief

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eligibility guidelines by employees and volunteers, and the reluctance of immigrants to seek services.

Presenters: Liany Arroyo, MPH
Organization: National Council of La Raza

406. Healthy Choices for Kids

Healthy Choices for Kids in an interdisciplinary effort that trains nursing and medical students to work collaboratively with Hispanic children and their families to understand and make healthy choices, including healthy eating, participation in physical activity, safe sex practices, and healthy relationship development. This is an interdisciplinary community service and educational effort that will allow University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) students to enhance their understanding of the contextual risk factors of Hispanic childhood and adolescent relative to these practices. UTHSCSA students will be trained using a collaborative approach for creating culturally relevant community-based interventions that are realistic for the family at home.

Presenter: Adelita Cantu, PhD, RN
Organization: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

407. Improving Health Outcomes through Community-Based Approaches to Capacity Building Assistance

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) and cancer continue to be the leading causes of mortality and morbidity plaguing African American communities. African Americans are 30% more likely to die of a heart attack and 78% more likely to die of a stroke than Whites. African American women, ages 35-44, have a breast cancer rate more than twice the rate of White women in the same age group. Building the capacity of organizations and community lay members to disseminate culturally and linguistically appropriate CVD and cancer prevention messages to the African American community is essential to reducing these health disparities and improving overall health outcomes.

Presenter: Corey Wiggins, MSPH
Organization: My Brother's Keeper, Inc

408. Protecting the Civil Rights and Health Information Privacy Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at the end of 2006, an estimated 491,727 individuals were living with HIV in the 33 states with confidential name-based HIV infection reporting. By race/ethnicity, 47% were black, 34% were white, 17% were Hispanic, and less than 1% each were American Indian/Alaska Native or Asian/Pacific Islander. The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, conducts outcome-oriented privacy and civil rights enforcement to prevent and address HIV-related stigma and discrimination among these population groups. Our enforcement efforts are specifically directed at protecting the health information privacy

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of people living with HIV, increasing access to quality health care, and reducing HIV-related health care disparities.

Presenter: Kenneth D Johnson, JD
Organization: US Dept of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights

409. Reducing Health Care Disparities: An Inter Professional Approach to Teaching Cultural Awareness in Health Care

The Institute of Medicine's 2003 report, "Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health," highlights the effective delivery of culturally competent healthcare as an imperative for the healthcare professions. Cultural competence in health care involves recognition and respect for differences among values, expectations, and experiences of patients, practitioners and the dictates of organized medicine.

Presenter: Sarah Garber, PhD
Organization: Rosalind Franklin University School of Medicine and Science

410. Showcasing Successful SAMHSA Grantees Serving the Latino/Hispanic Population

This poster will showcase success stories of currently funded SAMHSA Substance abuse treatment and prevention grantees serving the Latino/Hispanic Population. The poster will provide an overview of the program structure of each grant. It will also feature program graduates/consumers who have successfully completed the program and how they overcame personal obstacles in order to enter into recovery.

Presenter: Liz Contreras
Organization: Clinica Del Pueblo

411. Using Cultural Competence to Eliminate Health and Healthcare Disparities in the African American Population

Despite recent improvements in the overall health of Americans, substantial health care disparities still exist among African Americans in the United States. By educating health care workers about the significant impact culture has on how African Americans seek and receive healthcare services, it is critical that we begin to build more culturally and linguistically competent healthcare systems that respond effectively and contribute to the elimination of health and healthcare disparities relative to African Americans.

Presenter: Angela Johnson, MPPA
Organization: My Brother's Keeper, Inc

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TRACK 5: COORDINATE AND UTILIZE RESEARCH AND OUTCOME EVALUATIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY

500. A Web-Based Mechanism for Collaborating in Community Health

The National Expert Panel on Community Health Promotion recommended the development of a Virtual Community "with capabilities to share knowledge, disseminate evidence-based programs, and communicate with local communities." CDC developed the Community Health Resources web site to become this virtual platform and be a centralized resource to assist communities address disparities in health and health equity. Site features will include replicable turn-key examples of community-based health promotion programs, links to funding opportunities, resources to plan, design, manage, and evaluate community health interventions, and mechanisms to cross-collaborate with other communities to share ideas

Presenter: Joseph Benitez, MPH
Organization: US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

501. Community-Based Minority Health Disparities Reduction Model: Infrastructure Development, Small Group Analysis and Estimating the Cost of Disparities

Maryland's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) issues pilot project grants in communities with major racial and ethnic health disparities. The model employs cooperative agreements with a lead organization, which has the capability to bring together key officials and stakeholders responsible for affecting the major determinants of health. We illustrate the model with an example.

Presenter: Carlessia A Hussein, RN, DrPH
Organization: Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

502. Developing a Community Researcher Training and Support Program for Indigenous Samoans to Investigate Cancer Health Disparities in American Samoa

Cancer is the second leading cause of death amongst American Samoans. Geographic isolation, lack of cancer treatment, lack of health insurance, distrust of Western medicine and language and health literacy barriers lead to late detection of most cancer cases in the US Territory. To begin to overcome these barriers, community-based research must be conducted to understand and alter socio-culturally motivated health seeking behaviors. To this end, the American Samoa Community Cancer Network developed a capacity building and research program to recruit, train, and support cadre of indigenous health researchers—community members and college students—to conduct their own community-based cancer prevention research projects in American Samoa. The training program aimed to interest and equip participants in conducting community-centered, short-term, cancer prevention investigation projects focusing on one or more identified 5

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areas of need: increasing cancer screening; informing tobacco use policy; supporting tobacco use cessation, promoting cancer survivorship; examining links between obesity, nutrition and physical activity and cancer risk.

Presenter: Sara Krosch, MA, PGDip

Organization: American Samoa Community Cancer Network

503. Hearing Across the Generations: Focus Groups with Tongan Parents and Their Tongan-American Children

Census data show that there are more Tongans per capita in San Mateo County than in any other part of the world outside Tonga and neighboring Australia and New Zealand. Yet, there is little that is understood about the experiences of the community. When a rare suicide occurred in the community in early 2007, focus groups were conducted to determine how the experiences of immigrant Tongan parents differ from those of their Tongan-American children and how these differing experiences may be contributing the well-being of the children. Separate focus groups were conducted with adult males, adult females, teen males and teen females. Each focus group was facilitated by a respected member of the Tongan community, with the adult groups conducted in Tongan. Similar questions were asked for each group in order to compare responses.

Presenter: Leafa Taumoepeau

Organization: San Mateo County Health Department

504. Initial Results of a Collaborative Community-Based African American Hypertension Screening Program: Hair, Health and Health of Washington, DC

African Americans (AA) develop hypertension (HTN) earlier in life and have higher blood pressure (BP) levels than whites. African Americans in DC have both an increased disease burden and access to care problems compared with other ethnic groups in the city. Establish a network of AA-owned-and-run barbershops/hair salons in medically underserved areas with a high prevalence of HTN to work with health care organizations to implement a HTN screening, follow up and referral intervention. Hair, Health and Health (HHH) has trained operators to take BP and serve as cardiovascular health resource centers for their patrons. Operators underwent an 8 hour American Heart Association BP training program for the lay person, with continued ongoing education.

Presenter: Angela Silverman, MSN, CNP

Organization: MedStar Research Institute

505. Measuring NHOPI Health Disparity: Secondary Data Analysis of Population-Based Data

Pacific Islanders in the United States represent a distinct and rapidly growing population with ancestral ties to the indigenous people living in the Pacific Basin. Traditionally Pacific Islanders have been aggregated with Asians to form the broad Asian and Pacific Islander (API) category. Because of their relatively small numeric size, the social, economic and health status of Pacific Islanders is difficult to study in nationally representative surveys.

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When they are combined within the broader "Asian or Pacific Islander" grouping, however, findings specific to Pacific Islanders are lost within this heterogeneous group.

Presenter: Sela Panapasa, PhD
Organization: University of Michigan

506. Motivating Tobacco Smokers Living with HIV to Quit: Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Response to Treatment

Cigarette smoking among people living with HIV is estimated to be two to three times US national rates. In addition to the negative health consequences commonly resulting from smoking, there are unique health risks to those with HIV. Not only are racial/ethnic minority groups disproportionately affected by HIV, strong evidence suggests that health disparities are associated with variations in tobacco use as well as differences in the quality and accessibility of prevention and treatment.

Presenter: Cassandra Stanton, PhD
Organization: Brown University

507. Photovoice: Giving Youth of Color a Voice on Health Issues

Photovoice is a useful research and evaluation methodology for engaging youth of color on health issues. Youth take photos in their community on a particular theme, which they then describe and discuss. In this presentation we provide examples from two Photovoice projects involving immigrant Latino youth in an urban setting and American Indian youth in a reservation setting. The presentation consists of a brief review on the methodology, the themes that emerged in the research, accompanied by an exhibit of captioned photographs taken by the youth on issues related to food and nutrition, physical activity, risk behaviors, environment, cultural activities and practices.

Presenter: Linda Harris, BA
Organization: University of Minnesota

508. Promising Practices and Strategies to Advance Emergency Preparedness in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Communities

The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 was a glaring reminder of what can occur when the needs of minority communities are not integrated into emergency preparedness, response, and recovery plans. A myriad of factors including historical neglect, low socioeconomic status, and cultural/linguistic barriers contribute to the adverse outcomes experienced by minority communities. The complexity of this situation is compounded by fragmentation of planning efforts across national, state, and local public and private sector entities and lack of consensus as to what constitutes promising practices. In response to these issues the Center for Health Equality at the Drexel University School of Public Health received support from the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) to undertake a series of initiatives to provide cohesion around priorities, offer guidance to

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integrate minority communities into emergency preparedness, facilitate collaboration between key stakeholders, and centralize resources.

Presenter: Dennis P Andrulis, PhD, MPH
Nadia J Siddiqui, MPH
Jonathan P Purtle, MSc
Organization: University School of Public Health, Center for Health Equality

509. Reducing Rates of HIV/AIDS, Other Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Teen Pregnancy among Washington DC Youth: Supporting Youth Friendly Health Services and Positive Behaviors

In response to having some of the highest rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the country, DC health officials have identified the need for greater research on what helps motivate young people to engage in positive and protective sexual health behaviors. The Altarum Institute has funded an internal research and development project to contribute to the District's understanding of these issues. This project utilized a qualitative community-based participatory approach to collect data on the psycho-social and environmental factors that facilitate healthy sexual decision-making in youth.

Presenter: Amy Brown, MPH, BA
Organization: Altarum Institute

510. Smoking Among Hispanic Youth: Implementing a Collectivist Orientation for Healthy Attitudes and Behaviors

Minority groups will increase significantly in the near future. One of these is the Hispanic population. Together with this growth are the increasing health-related problems that have already been documented among the Hispanic community. The Hispanic youth are the most vulnerable. Thus, it becomes important to assess and implement prevention and intervention programs that help the Hispanic youth from being victims of unhealthy attitudes and behaviors. Some intervention programs have not been successful on Hispanic youth. The present study examines the role of collectivism and individualism in the promotion and enhancement of healthy attitudes towards smoking among Hispanic youth.

Presenter: Stella Lopez, PhD
Organization: University of Texas at San Antonio

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**511. The Business Case for Eliminating Health Disparities:
A "Cost of Disparity" Methodology for State Health Departments**

To encourage the allocation of resources for elimination of health disparities, the business case must be made that such investments can be cost saving. We have estimated the potential cost savings in hospital admissions that could result from eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in hospital admission rates overall and for specific conditions. We demonstrate this for asthma in detail, and summarize similar calculations for diabetes, neonatal ICU admission, and all admissions.

Presenter: David Mann, MD, PhD

Organizations: Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

512. The National Cancer Institute's State Cancer Legislative Database and a Summary of Legislative Data Addressing Health Disparities

Eliminating health disparities is a primary goal of Healthy People 2010, a statement of national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable health threats and to establish national goals for reducing them. Most researchers agree that the determinants of health are rooted in society-level policies and norms. Therefore, state laws serve as an essential tool for raising awareness of inequities in cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality, and for addressing their causes by promoting cancer awareness, ensuring access to screening and treatment, and reducing environmental and behavioral risk factors. This poster will present the results of a qualitative analysis of state laws, enacted as of December 31, 2008, that address the problem of cancer disparities.

Presenter: Kerri Lowrey, JD, MPH

Organization: The MayaTech Corporation, The National Cancer Institute

513. What's Happening in Your Community: Substance Use and Consequence Data at Your Fingertips

'Substance Use in Minnesota' located at www.sumn.org, is an interactive one-stop-shop for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and consequence data. This tool was created by the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) to assist communities with needs assessments, community planning, prioritization, program and curricula development, grant writing, presentations and reports. Users can search over 70 indicators by race/ethnicity, age, and sex; create customized data tables, maps, graphs and charts; and access relevant literature and community resources.

Presenter: Melissa Boeke, MS

Organization: Minnesota Institute of Public Health

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Sean R. Abram, PhD

Title of Presentation: Tackling Significant Health Disparities Faced by Rural and Disadvantaged Minority Populations in the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Sean R Abram is a 1996 Graduate of Jackson State University (BS, Biology). In 1998, Dr. Abram began work on his PhD in Physiology (Renal/Cardiovascular) at The University of Mississippi Medical Center in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. Mentored by Dr. Joey P Granger, his dissertation examined the effects of the hormone endothelin in modulating the excretion of sodium during changes in dietary sodium intake. In short, he examined mechanisms of salt-sensitive hypertension. After completion of the PhD in May 2004, Dr. Abram assumed a position as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Robert L Hester at The University of Mississippi Medical Center within the Department of Physiology. Studies examining the metabolic control of blood flow in a model of obesity and sickle cell anemia were his areas of focus. Currently, Dr. Abram is an Assistant Professor in The University of Mississippi Medical Center's School of Nursing. He also serves as Director of the Research Core within The Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health in Jackson, MS.

Dennis Andrulis

Title of Presentation: Promising Practices and Strategies to Advance Emergency Preparedness in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Communities

Liany Elba Arroyo, MPH

Title of Presentation: Enhancing the Capacity of Emergency Managers to Respond to Hispanic Communities

Liany Elba Arroyo is Director of the Institute for Hispanic Health for the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. In that capacity, she oversees NCLR's health programs, which include research and analysis of Latino health needs and status; technical assistance to Latino community-based organizations; and the design of *promotores de salud* initiatives. NCLR's projects include a broad array of health-related topics such as asthma, environmental health, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, health insurance, maternal and child health, cardiovascular disease, stroke, accident prevention, domestic violence, car seat use, and immunization. Prior to her work with NCLR, Ms. Arroyo worked as a Public Health Educator, Tobacco Use Prevention Section, Cobb County Board of Health, Smyrna, Georgia; a Public Health Prevention Service Fellow, Epidemiology Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Program Officer, Office of School of Health, New York Academy of Medicine. Ms. Arroyo holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wellesley College and a master's degree in public health from Columbia University. She has published *Latinos in Georgia: A Closer Look*, coauthored with Natalie Hernandez (October 2005) and *The Health of Latino Communities in the South: Challenges and Opportunities* (2004).

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Jessica D. Bellinger, PhD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Measuring the Prevalence and Correlates of Perceived Discrimination and Health System Distrust in South Carolina Women

Jessica D. Bellinger, PhD, MPH is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health and the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center. She is a graduate of Spelman College and the University of South Carolina. Her research interests are minority and rural health, issues related to access to care, and cervical cancer prevention and control. Common themes in her research portfolio include health disparities research, women's health, and increasing access to appropriate care.

Joseph Benitez, MPH

Title of Presentation: A Web Based Mechanism for Collaborating in Community Health

Joseph Benitez is a second year ORISE Research Fellow in the Community Health and Program Services Branch of the Division of Adult and Community Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Benitez completed a Master of Public Health from the University of Kentucky College of Public Health in 2007 where he concentrated in Health Behavior. Mr. Benitez completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia in 2005.

Jennifer Bishop, ScD, MPH

Title of Presentation: The Relationship Between Socio-Demographic Characteristics, Online Health Information Seeking Experiences and Participation in Health Care Decision-Making

Ms. Bishop is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Division of Public Health Services, where she serves as the desk officer for the drug prevention and treatment issues for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, reviewing agency policy, budget and legislation. She also contributes to health promotion projects related to obesity prevention, physical activity promotion, health disparities and health communication. Prior to taking a position with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, she worked at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, where she served as the Multicultural Program Director for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. There, she managed the program's multicultural advertising, planning, interactive and community outreach initiatives. She has worked at the National Cancer Institute as a Health Communication and Research fellow, and has experience completing health promotion initiatives in community-based settings. She received her Bachelor's degree in sociology from Cornell University, her Masters of Public Health from Columbia University, and a Doctorate of Science in Health and Social Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Melissa Claire Boeke, MS

Title of Presentation: What's Happening in Your Community? Substance Use and Consequence Data at Your Fingertips

Melissa Boeke is an Epidemiologist and Public Health Program Evaluator at the Minnesota Institute of Public Health. She provides epidemiological assistance to both the Minnesota State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup and the Red Lake Nation Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup. She is the program evaluator for both the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Regional Network and Project Harmony, and has participated as an evaluator for Service to Science. Prior to her work at MIPH, Ms. Boeke held two positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: one at the Population Health Institute and one with the School of Nursing. Her work at the Population Health Institute included assistance with needs assessments, program evaluations and grant writing for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council's HIV/AIDS Program and the Honoring Our Children Project. She also helped with conference planning and created a monthly e-newsletter. At the School of Nursing, she helped create a survey instrument to be administered to Wisconsin Health Officers serving small jurisdictions, and their core public health system partners.

Amy Brown, MPH, BA

Title of Presentation: Reducing Rates of HIV/AIDS, other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and Teen Pregnancy among Washington DC Youth: Supporting Youth-Friendly Health Services and Positive Behaviors

Amy Brown, MPH, a Policy Associate at Altarum, brings not only expertise in the areas of study design, data analysis, and interpretation, but also important content experience regarding health disparities, cultural competence, and health promotion research. Ms. Brown is the Project Manager for an evaluation of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Program for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and for an evaluation to conceptualize and define Federal program sustainability for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women's Health (OWH). Ms. Brown also serves as Principal Investigator for a project conducting focus groups with racial/ethnic minority youth in Washington, DC, to promote the development of more youth-friendly reproductive and sexual health services that help young people avoid sexual health risks and reduce the rates of unintended pregnancies and STIs. For the Learning Partnership to Decrease Disparities in Pediatric Asthma for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) an Altarum project, Ms. Brown developed culturally appropriate protocols for focus groups with English- and Spanish-speaking Latino parents of children with asthma to improve access to care among underserved populations in the Baltimore, Maryland area. She also conducted interviews with Ryan White CARE Act grantees for an evaluation of the use of Minority AIDS Initiative funds to develop innovative strategies to recruit and retain HIV-infected persons of color in care. Ms. Brown has created a series of issue briefs, fact sheets, and other health communications tools for widespread dissemination to policy makers and the general public to raise awareness of oral health disparities and the need for greater access to care among the maternal and child population.

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Adelita G. Cantu, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: **Healthy Choices for Kids**

Adelita G Cantu, PhD, RN is a clinical instructor in at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing. Her research interests include the initiation and maintenance of physical activity in older Mexican American women, as well as healthy eating in the Mexican American population. She received her BSN from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, her MS with a focus on community health nursing from Texas Women's University in Dallas, and her PhD in clinical nursing research from UTHSCSA School of Nursing. Dr. Cantu has had various roles as a registered nurse: from a public health nurse to a correctional nurse administrator. She has also served as administrator in the University Health System. Currently Dr. Cantu works as a faculty member at the UTHSCSA School of Nursing coordinating a student mentoring program that promotes the academic success of at-risk nursing students as well as a faculty advisor to pre nursing students at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Chimene Castor

Title of Presentation: **Health Literacy: The Unmentioned Demographic Factor in Health Outcomes**

Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, MSLIS

Title of Presentation: **Empowering Change Through Health Information Access**

Siobhan Champ-Blackwell is the Community Outreach Liaison for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region (NN/LM MCR). Based at Creighton University's Health Sciences Library, she serves a six-state region comprising Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. The MidContinental Region (MCR) has a history of focusing on providing access to health information for underserved and vulnerable populations. Her position as the Community Outreach Liaison is to develop programs within the region that foster partnerships between libraries and community groups that will result in increased access to health information for those who face inequities in health care and health status because of racial or ethnic make-up, economic status, and/or geographic boundaries. In this role, she has created and maintains the "Bringing Health Information to the Community" web log, a clearinghouse of information for communities concerned with health disparities. It includes grant information, web sites of interest, resources on public health, HIV/AIDS, and more. In 2005, she received recognition from *Library Journal* as one of the 2005 "Movers and Shakers" in the country.

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Liz Contreras

Title of Presentation: **Showcasing Successful SAMHSA Grantees Serving the Latino/Hispanic Population**

Carolyn Covington, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: **An Educational Intervention to Provide Heart Disease and Stroke Awareness and Prevention to an Urban African American Community.**

Dr. Carolyn Covington is an assistant professor at Howard University division of nursing. She graduated from Howard University with a PhD in Medical Sociology and Social Inequality. Her dissertation is entitled "Correlates and Risk Factors associated with Coronary Heart Disease and the Likelihood of Engaging in Selected Nutrition Health Promoting Behaviors among Women.

Dr. Covington has many years of clinical experience managing individuals with heart disease and stroke and related risk factors and critical care experiences working with patients suffering from heart disease and strokes. Dr. Covington developed a heart disease and stroke prevention in the community course that provides an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to apply skills of heart disease and stroke prevention and health promotion in the community by developing culturally sensitive PowerPoint presentation. Students participate in a cutting-edge national stroke disparities study in the District of Columbia funded by the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Covington, principle investigator at Howard University, collaborates with Georgetown University, John Hopkins and several other hospitals in the Washington metropolitan area. The phase II clinical trial will develop a national database, stroke registry looking at racial ethnic differences in acute ischemic stroke and develop multi-level interventions to address racial ethnic disparities in acute ischemic stroke in the District of Columbia. Dr. Covington will also take the students to various venues in the District to present their culturally sensitive stroke prevention PowerPoint presentations. Each community participant will receive educational materials provided by the American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Melissa J. Cox, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Teen Health Leadership Project**

Melissa Cox is the Program Coordinator for the Center for Community Health Partnerships at the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Nursing. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Boston College and a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health. Her areas of focus include community-based participatory research and practice and adolescent health.

The Center for Community Health Partnerships has been established to coordinate, integrate, and leverage resources and structures for academic-community partnerships. In addition to her role as

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the Program Coordinator for the Center for Community Health Partnerships, Ms. Cox works on several grants to improve adolescent health and health disparities in Charleston County. These grants include efforts to reduce interpersonal and community violence, improve adolescent health in rural areas and to foster the development of minority students into health careers. She currently serves on the Charleston County School District's Health Sciences Advisory Board and works with the Presidential Scholars Program at MUSC, an inter-professional course that focuses on health disparities.

Hassan Danesi, MD

Title of Presentation: **Health Disparities: The African Immigrant Perspective**

Stephanie David, JD

Title of Presentation: **Disparities in Cancer: The Importance of Cultural Competency and Initiatives to Reduce Cultural Barriers in Cancer Care**

Christine A. DeCourtney , MPA

Title of Presentation: **Camp Coho: A Grief Camp Model for Special Populations**

Christine A. DeCourtney, MPA, is the Cancer Program Planning Development Manager at ANTHC and Director of a 5-year National Cancer Institute palliative care education grant. During her 10 years working at the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in Dillingham, Alaska, she coordinated the development of the Helping Hands Program, an end-of-life program that provided Native elders with an option to remain in their home village as they neared the end of life. The program combined the best of modern medicine and traditional lifestyle.

Natille Elaine Duncan, MSEd, MIT

Title of Presentation: **Reducing the Incidence Rate of Cardiovascular Disease in African Americans by Educating Community Health Workers Using Culturally Sensitive Community-Based Health Education Strategies**

Natille Duncan focuses on bridging the gap between health education and client services within organizations. She has collaborated with government, nonprofit and private agencies. She has given presentations on issues dealing with health disparities and minority populations as well as cultural competence. Ms. Duncan is an educator by training, having received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Tennessee State University, as well as post baccalaureate training in Biology and Chemistry Education Instruction at Vanderbilt University and Austin Peay University (Clarksville, Tennessee). She holds two Master's degrees: Education Administration and Supervision and Instruction of Curriculum. She was previously employed as an Eligibility Counselor for the Tennessee State

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Department of Human Services, as well as being a Biology and Chemistry Instructor of the Metro Nashville Public School System. Ms. Duncan is currently employed with My Brother's Keeper, Inc. as a Health Disparities Prevention Specialist with the CBA2 and CECAP programs.

Janelle T Edwards MPH, CHES

Title of Presentation: **A Qualitative Study of the Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs About Blood Pressure Control and Treatment of Ohio African American Men; The Implications for a Tailored Educational Campaign.**

Janelle Edwards is a Certified Health Education Specialist with five years experience creating and implementing health programs. She received her Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion and Health Education from the Northwest Ohio Consortia for Public Health (University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University and Medical College of Ohio). Ms. Edwards is experienced in planning, implementing and evaluating comprehensive health programs and has a particular interest in health disparities. She has spearheaded several health disparities initiatives at the Ohio Department of Health, including the coordination of focus groups with African-American males to assess their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs regarding high blood pressure treatment and control; structured interviews with healthcare providers assessing their practices; patient/provider communication strategies and barriers related to the prevention, treatment and control of high blood pressure in African-American males and the creation of a summary report and recommendations to address heart disease and stroke health disparities within Ohio's priority populations. Ms. Edwards currently assists with the design, implementation and evaluation of two federally funded population-based programs at the Ohio Department of Health.

Jesus D. Felizzola, MD, MHSA, MA

Title of Presentation: **Assessing Clinicians' Knowledge of Culturally Competent Care for Minorities Living with HIV/AIDS in the United States**

Dr. Jesus Felizzola is a Doctor of Medicine and holds post-doctoral degrees in Health Administration and Latin American Studies. He serves as the Cultural Competency Program Manager at the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center in the College of Medicine at Howard University in Washington, DC. Dr. Felizzola has more than 20 years of clinical, research, education, and program evaluation experience in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Sheila R. Fells, RN, BSN, MSN, CRNP

Title of Presentation: **The Move Project: A Stroke Prevention and Education Initiative**

Ms. Sheila Fells, RN, BSN, MSN, CRNP is a Family Nurse Practitioner in Birmingham, Alabama. She is employed full time as a Family Nurse Practitioner at an Internal Medicine, Hospital Based Clinic. In addition to her full-time job, Ms. Fells works as a staff nurse at Baptist Medical Center Princeton and an adjunct clinical instructor for an advanced practice in nursing program.

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Ms. Fells is dedicated to the practice of education, nursing, leadership, and overall excellence. She has excelled in every arena of my educational, professional, and personal career. She is the coordinator of a local tutorial service that provides free educational services on a weekly basis to low income individuals in the city of Birmingham, Alabama. Ms. Fells recently founded Essinnee's Enrichment Services in order to provide a positive environment to impoverished youth within the inner city. Furthermore, as a registered nurse and as a nurse practitioner, she provides free health screenings and health education to all individuals.

Joshua Fogel, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Disparities for Depression Treatment Among Asian Americans: Can the Internet Help Empower Asian American Consumers with Mental Health Difficulty?**

Bernadette Ford Lattimore, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Creation of a State Guidance Document for African American Men and Blood Pressure Control**

Bernadette Ford Lattimore is a Public Health Educator on the Applied Research and Translation Team in the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP). In this position since 2004, she has designed and coordinated research projects examining topics ranging from stroke rehabilitation to blood pressure control in specific populations. She recently received a service award for a legislative policy project in which she directed the creation of an online database and mapping application of heart disease and stroke prevention policies nationwide. Ms. Ford Lattimore, a graduate of Spelman College, received her Master of Public Health from Morehouse School of Medicine. She completed her tenure in CDC's Public Health Prevention Service, a 3-year training and service fellowship that focused on skills development in program management and evaluation. During the fellowship, she worked as the Director of Faith-Based Initiatives for the STD/HIV Prevention and Care Program with the Chicago Department of Health where she was responsible for developing and coordinating all faith-based education activities in STDs, HIV, and AIDS. She performed her two 6-month assignments in the Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods doing social determinants research and in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination conducting ethnographic research.

Tori Gabriel, MBA

Title of Presentation: **Mission to Health: A Pioneering Chronic Disease Prevention Program for the Faith-Based Pan African Community**

Tori Gabriel is Director of Education and Prevention at the Florida Heart Research Institute, an independent, not-for-profit organization with the mission to stop heart disease through research, education and prevention. Ms. Gabriel received her MBA in Healthcare Administration from the University in Miami. She has worked in healthcare for more than 20 years. In her 8-year tenure at the Research Institute, she has served the organization in many capacities. As the Director of Education and Prevention for FHRI, she received approval for the Stop Heart Disease specialty

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license plate from the Florida legislature. For the past four years, she has served as Chair of the Health Promotion/ Disease Prevention subcommittee of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade and sits on its Executive Board. She also serves on the Advisory Committee and Evaluation Committee of the Community Access Program of Miami-Dade County (CAP) – a program to increase access to healthcare for the uninsured.

Sarah Garber, PhD

Title of Presentation: Reducing Healthcare Disparities: An Inter Professional Approach to Teaching Cultural Awareness in Healthcare

Sarah S Garber, PhD, received her doctoral degree in Biochemistry with Dr. C Miller from Brandeis University and continued her post-doctoral training in the Department of Neuroscience with Dr. R Aldrich at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Garber continued her research at University of Alabama, Birmingham and the Medical School of Pennsylvania before joining Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science as a tenured Associate Professor in The Chicago Medical School's Department of Physiology and Biophysics. She was appointed Assistant Director of Research at The Dr. W Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, and two years later, she became a member of the Department of Interprofessional Healthcare Studies in The College of Health Professions.

Kathy Gorosh, MBA

Title of Presentation: Integrating Public Health at a Drug Treatment Center

Ms. Gorosh has worked in the health care field since mid-1970 and in the HIV and public health field since 1986. She has comprehensive experience in program development and planning, organizational development, policy and advocacy, administration including fiscal and grants management. She also has extensive experience collaborating and working with volunteers and community-based organizations and State and Local governments. Ms. Gorosh sees substance use/abuse and HIV/AIDS as an opportunity to address the needs of the underserved and those who have difficulty accessing the system.

Linda Jane Harris, BA

Title of Presentation: Photovoice: Giving Youth of Color a Voice on Health Issues

Linda Harris is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Health at the University of Minnesota, with concentrations in Health Disparities and Complementary and Alternative Medicine. She has a BA in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, and worked on a doctorate in Sociology. She has been a community-based researcher and evaluator in communities of color and American Indian communities for 20 years. For more than four years, she led the team at Rainbow Research engaged in building evaluation capacity among the 52 Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative grantees, and conducting the overall evaluation of the EHDI Initiative.

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Ms. Harris has worked with American Indian in the areas of HIV/STI prevention, substance abuse, child abuse/neglect, mental health and childhood obesity and diabetes prevention. She led the evaluation efforts for community-based projects funded by the CDC, SAMHSA, Administration of Children and Families, US Departments of Justice, and Commerce.

Jennifer Hatzfeld, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: Chronic Disease and Health Disparities in the US Air Force

Major Jennifer Hatzfeld received her BSN from Biola University in La Mirada, California, and went on to work as a clinical nurse at Air Force bases in California, South Korea, and Italy. She earned her Master's degree in Adult and Higher Education from the University of Oklahoma, and completed an MSN degree in Administration in Community and Healthcare Systems from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She was selected by the Air Force to pursue her PhD at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing full-time, through the Air Force Institute of Technology. Her research interests include disease management and outcomes management in the ambulatory healthcare setting.

James Heimdal, MEd, PhD

Title of Presentation: Addressing Health Disparities in a Minority Student Population

During the past 20 years, Dr. Heimdal has had an active interest in the natural history of cardiovascular disease and its prevention. His doctorate concentration was clinical exercise physiology with a minor in statistics and his graduate focus was in health promotion. He has completed 70-plus investigations in applied physiology and has presented the results at more than 58 state, regional and national professional conferences. He has published eight articles and 23 abstracts and was an investigator/collaborator on \$7 million in funded projects. During the past decade, Dr. Heimdal has devoted much of his time to public health initiatives that target health disparities in both urban (Hartford, CT) and rural (Louisiana Delta) environments.

Karen Ho, MHS

Title of Presentation: Patient Centered Care in the United States: Findings from the 5th Annual National Healthcare Disparities Report

Karen Ho is the National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR) Lead Staff in the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety research team at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She has been involved in the production of the National Healthcare Quality Reports, the National Healthcare Disparities Reports, and the AHRQ State Snapshots since 2003. She is the co-author of the AHRQ Asthma Care Quality Improvement Resource Guide and Workbook for State Action. Ms. Ho received her MHS. in Health Policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and BA at the University of California, Berkeley

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Young Hoang, MS

Title of Presentation: **Asian Americans in Therapy: The Problem of Self-Disclosure**

Mr. Young Hoang received his BS from the University of Connecticut, his MS from Southern Connecticut State University, and is currently pursuing his doctorate in counseling psychology at Howard University in Washington, DC. He works as a mental health counselor for a SAMHSA-funded program in Virginia, a licensed psychotherapist at a private practice on the Capitol Hill, and a psychometrician extern at the Psychiatric Institute of Washington. Mr. Hoang is one of few Vietnamese PhD students in psychology and has been practicing psychology for more than four years in private practice, outpatient mental health clinics, and inpatient psychiatric hospitals. His research interests focus on cross-cultural counseling and Asian's mental health, particularly Vietnamese Americans.

Larke Huang

Title of Presentation: **Showcasing Successful SAMHSA Grantees Serving the Latino/Hispanic Population**

Stanton T. Hudson, MA

Title of Presentation: **The Role of Health Literacy in Reducing Health Disparities - Combining Collaborative Efforts**

Stan Hudson has more than 10 years experience in health policy analysis and health services research. He earned an MA in Sociology from the University of Missouri in 2008 and BAs in History, Political Science, and Sociology from Columbia College. He joined the University of Missouri as a Research Assistant and later became the senior health policy analyst at the Center for Health Policy; in 2005 he became Project Director of the MO Medicaid Data Analysis Project to provide independent quality improvement, cost containment analysis, and program evaluation for Missouri HealthNet. He currently oversees projects aimed at reducing health disparities and improving health literacy. His professional experience includes state legislative research; public policy analysis; design, coordination, and implementation of research projects, large-scale data collection, coding, and management; assessment of organizational structure; and statistical analysis of data. His interests include local, state and federal health policy, racial and ethnic health disparities research, and telemedicine evaluation.

Carlessia A. Hussein, RN, DrPH

Title of Presentation: **Community-Based Minority Health Disparities Reduction Model: Infrastructure Development, Small Group Analysis and Estimating the Cost of Disparities**

Dr. Hussein is the Director for MHHD and CRFP. When Dr. Hussein joined the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, she managed a major portion of traditional public health programs in 23 counties and Baltimore City. She was appointed Director of the Cigarette Restitution Fund Program (CRFP) in 2000 and oversees the statewide dissemination and monitoring of an \$80 million

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annual allocation of tobacco settlement funds aimed at reducing smoking and controlling cancer in Maryland. In 2004, Dr. Hussein was appointed Director of the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) in the Office of the Secretary of Health. She graduated from the Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in Washington, D.C. and completed graduate studies in Nursing, and a Public Health Doctorate at the University of California, School of Public Health, Berkeley, California.

Patrick C. Jackson, MBA

Title of Presentation: Check Up! Or Check Out! An African American Male Health Initiative: A Public Health-Managed Care Collaboration to Improve Preventive Health Service Utilization among African American Males

Mr. Jackson has been serving in his current capacity for two years. Previously, he served for five years as a Health Educator for David Ellis Academy in the metro Detroit area. Mr. Jackson received his Bachelors of Science in Exercise Science from Western Michigan University and later received a MBA in Healthcare Management from American Intercontinental University.

Claude-Alix Jacob, MPH

Title of Presentation: The Men's Health League - A Community Health Partnership for Men

Claude-Alix Jacob is the Chief Public Health Officer for the City of Cambridge. He joined the Cambridge Public Health Department in April 2007. Previously, he served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Health Promotion at the Illinois Department of Public Health, where he oversaw activities related to chronic disease prevention, oral health education, children's health, and injury prevention. In addition, Mr. Jacob served as the Chief of the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Control at the Baltimore City Health Department and as the Director of Community Affairs at the Sinai Community Institute in Chicago. Mr. Jacob currently serves as a committee member for the National Association of County and City Health Officials and is the past national chair of the Black Caucus of Health Workers of the American Public Health Association. He has completed the National Public Health Leadership Institute's training as well as the WK Kellogg Fellowship for Emerging Leadership in Public Health. Mr. Jacob received an undergraduate degree in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

Karen Jiobu, MS

Title of Presentation: Hepatitis B: Education Screenings and Follow-Up of Asians Through Collaborative Partnerships Across Ohio

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Jenné Johns, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Empowering Youth Through Local Synergy and Peer to Peer Education- A Summer Health Education Experience!**

Jenné Johns, MPH, is Deputy Director for Programs at the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc (SHIRE). Prior to joining SHIRE, she was program associate at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation working on health disparities and health care quality initiatives. Ms. Johns is a native Philadelphian with more than eight years of community health education, outreach and research experience.

Angela Johnson, MPPA

Title of Presentation: **Using Cultural Competence to Eliminate Health and Healthcare Disparities in the African American Population**

Angela Johnson serves as Program Manager for the Center for Community-Based Health Disparities at My Brother's Keeper, Inc., where she works to eliminate health disparities in African American communities nation-wide. She has more than eight years experience in community-based health education and promotion.

Ms. Johnson has disseminated best practices and lessons learned during national health summits including the American Public Health Association, the Society of Public Health Educators, and the Centers for Disease Control. Areas of expertise include cardiovascular disease and cancer prevention, cultural competence and program development, implementation, and evaluation. Ms. Johnson earned a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University. She is a member of the American Public Health Association, the Society for Public Health and the Mississippi Public Health Association.

Anthony M. Johnson, BA, CHES

Title of Presentation: **"I Know It!" A Contemporary Comprehensive Sex Education Program for Teens and Their Caregivers**

A native of Camden, New Jersey, Anthony M Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in health and exercise science with a specialization in health promotion and fitness management from Rowan University. Serving now as the health educator within a Black Infant Mortality Reduction program, (BIMR), for Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc., he works diligently to reduce the number of African-American families that suffer due to poor birth outcomes. In his position as a certified health education specialist, he is responsible for social marketing, BIMR curriculum development, and the implementation of maternal and child health education programs for SJFMC patients and the community at large. As a male in the female dominated arena of maternal and child health, he has sought to improve paternal involvement in prenatal health by collaborating with fatherhood coalitions to advance the reality of Black Infant Mortality (BIM) to men. His increased commitment

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for bridging gaps and reducing disparities in the community has served as a catalyst in helping with the development and implementation of the "I Know It" program. This comprehensive sex education program, that has helped expand the BIMR initiative to include men and teens, recently received statewide recognition as a model project that could reduce disparities and be replicated throughout the state. Mr. Johnson's opinions and ideas are valued by his colleagues and associates across New Jersey.

Kenneth D. Johnson, JD

Title of Presentation: **Protecting the Civil Rights and Health Information Privacy Rights of People Living With HIV/AIDS**

Kenneth D Johnson is a Section Chief in the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), US Department of Health and Human Services. He supervises a team of civil rights analysts and equal opportunity specialists, focusing on reducing health care disparities and protecting the civil rights of people living with HIV, people with physical disabilities, and participants in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Before joining OCR, Mr. Johnaon spent nine years at the US Department of Justice, where he litigated some of the Civil Rights Division's most challenging education and housing discrimination cases. In the Education Section, he negotiated several consent decrees to address continuing racial disparities in public education, including the over-representation of minority students in special education. In the Housing Section, he served as lead counsel on pattern or practice cases brought under the Fair Housing Act to oppose race, national origin and disability discrimination. Mr. Johnson, a member of the California, DC and Pennsylvania Bars, earned his BA in Political Science, with honors, from the California State University, Fullerton; and his JD from Harvard Law School.

Warren A. Jones, MD

Title of Presentation: **The Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health**

Dr. Jones is a professor of family medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS, and serves as the executive director of the Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health.

Candace Kattar, BA, JD, BSN

Title of Presentation: **Showcasing Successful SAMHSA Grantees Serving the Latino/Hispanic Population**

Katherine Keyes, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Psychiatric Service Utilization among Hispanics Living in the United States: Differences by Ethnic Subgroup and Acculturation, and Ethnic Identity**

Katherine Keyes, MPH, is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Epidemiology at Columbia University funded by the Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program. She received her Master's in

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Public Health from Columbia University. Her research interests include the pathways through which mental health service utilization disparities differ across specific psychiatric disorders; specifically, she is interested in studying differences in disparity for substance disorders compared to mood and anxiety disorders. For instance, she recently published a study documenting that self-identified Blacks living in the United States are less likely to take advantage of available mood and anxiety services than Whites; but no differences emerge for alcohol disorders; and Blacks are more likely to use drug services.

Sara Krosch, MA, PGDip

Title of Presentation: Developing a Community Researcher Training and Support Program for Indigenous Samoans to Investigate Cancer Health Disparities in American Samoa

Sara Krosch, MA, has a BS in Teaching, an MA in International Development, and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Health Communication. She has worked in the United States, Micronesia, American Samoa, Australia, China, Eritrea and Sudan. Her professional interests include gender and development, sexual health, participatory community development, and documentary film making. Ms. Krosch is currently a Capacity Building and Program Evaluation Consultant with the American Samoa Community Cancer Network, where she developed and piloted an indigenous researcher training and funding program targeting youth and community members

May Lau, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: Racial/Ethnic Healthcare Disparities among US Adolescents

Title of Presentation: The Primary Language Spoken at Home and Healthcare Disparities in US Adolescents

May Lau, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the UT Southwestern Medical Center. She is a board certified adolescent medicine physician and practices in the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) clinic at Children's Medical Center Dallas. She is investigating how race, ethnicity and household primary language are associated with disparities in adolescent health, access to care, and use of healthcare services. She is a member of the AAP Adolescent Health Partnership Project's CME subcommittee working on developing educational opportunities on cultural competence and health equity in adolescent health. Her manuscript on dating and sexual attitude in Asian-American adolescents is in press in the *Journal of Adolescent Research*.

Charles Lee, MD

Title of Presentation: A National Online Resource for Multi-Language Medication Instructions

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Jessie Legros, MPH

Title of Presentation: Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Cultural Competence Curriculum for First Year Medical Students

Jessie Legros works at the National Center for Public Health Informatics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is also President of Cross-Cultural Consulting, a company specializing in cultural competence for the health professions. Her research interests include the use of health information technology to reduce health disparities and inequities, and the use of health information technology for evidenced-based decision making in public health. Dr. Legros received her MPH from the University of Illinois, School of Public Health in Community Health and a doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She joined the CDC in September 2007 and currently serves as a Public Health Educator, focusing primarily on ensuring public health involvement in national health information technology efforts.

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Legros was President of a Cross-Cultural Consulting Firm in Miami, Florida. She continues to be active in consulting with area colleges, businesses, universities and health departments. While at CCC, she managed projects ranging from local community health assessments to statewide planning for cultural competence training for staff of local health departments, responsible for training more than 10,000 health care professionals and health professions students in the area of cultural competence.

Laura Lessard, MPH

Title of Presentation: Understanding Health Disparities in the Deaf Community

Ms. Lessard is a doctoral student in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta. Her dissertation focuses on understanding the inequities in HIV-related knowledge and behavior among deaf adolescents. Ms. Lessard has worked with the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in a number of capacities including volunteer and researcher for more than five years. In the realm of research, she most recently presented a roundtable session on including persons with hearing loss in HIV/AIDS research and practice at the American Public Health Associations annual conference. That presentation described NIH-funded work in which she was involved to develop training materials to teach medical professionals how to work with patients with hearing loss and other communication disorders. She is also involved in the evaluation community, conducting evaluations of public health programs in a number of areas. She currently holds an ORISE Fellowship position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta

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Stella G Lopez, PhD

Title of Presentation: Smoking Among Hispanic Youth: Implementing a Collectivist Orientation for Healthy Attitudes and Behavior

Stella Lopez received her doctorate in experimental psychology in the areas of social and personality psychology from the University of Texas at Arlington. Her training is in research methodology and quantitative analysis of designs. She was a visiting professor at North Dakota State University for a short while. She is an associate professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Besides teaching social and personality courses, she teaches courses in methodology, both undergraduate and graduate level. Lately, she has expanded her focus in basic research in social psychology to include applied and community-focused research in behavioral health. Currently, she is in collaboration with Raymond Garza, PhD, on studies investigating the role of collectivism and individualism in promoting and maintaining health-related attitudes and behaviors among Hispanic youth.

Kerri Lowrey, JD, MPH

Title of Presentation: The National Cancer Institute's State Cancer Legislative Database (SCLD) and a Summary of Legislative Data Addressing Health Disparities

Kerri McGowan Lowrey, JD, MPH (Senior Legislative/Policy Analyst). Kerri McGowan Lowrey is a public health attorney with postdoctoral training in cancer prevention and control from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), NIH and more than seven years of experience studying the role of law and policy in cancer prevention and control and public health ethics. She is qualified to perform assignments involving legal and policy research and analysis, writing and editing, and oral presentations. Her areas of research include the role of law in cancer prevention, legal issues related to translational research, technology transfer, cancer health disparities, federal human subjects regulations, HIPAA, cancer genetics policy, the use of epidemiology in Federal courts, and legal issues related to nanotechnology.

David A Mann, MD, PhD

Title of Presentation: The Business Case for Eliminating Health Disparities: A "Cost of Disparity" Methodology for State Health Departments

David A Mann, MD, PhD works 75% time as the staff epidemiologist for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) in the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He also works 25% time as an Instructor in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine. Dr. Mann was a co-author of the *Maryland Plan to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities*, released in 2006 by MHHD; and principal author of the *Maryland Chartbook of Minority Health and Minority Health Disparities Data*, released in 2007 by MHHD.

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Dr. Mann received his bachelor's degree in biology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1978, his MD degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1982, and his PhD degree in epidemiology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2007. Dr. Mann is board certified in general preventive medicine and public health and is a member of the American College of Preventive Medicine and the American Public Health Association.

Kourtney Marshall, MMP

Title of Presentation: **Addressing Hepatitis Infection among Intravenous Drug Users (IVDUs) in Opioid Treatment Programs**

Kourtney Marshall is a prominent young professional based in the Washington DC, area. Born in Eufaula, AL and raised in Baltimore, MD, Mr. Marshall now resides in Prince George's County, Maryland, with his family. He is a proud graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), where he earned his BS in Chemistry. His undergraduate achievements include being a MARC U* STAR fellow.

Judith G. McKenzie, MD, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Strategies to Increase Underrepresented Minorities in Occupational and Environmental Medicine Training Programs**

Dr Judith Green-McKenzie is Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Practice and Associate Residency Director in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine in Philadelphia. She is active in clinical practice, research, education and administration. Dr. McKenzie graduated from Princeton University, where she received the Frederick Douglass Prize for leadership and scholarship. She went on to study medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, where she was a Commonwealth Fellow. Dr. McKenzie completed her training in Internal Medicine at New York University (NYU)/Bellevue Hospital and went on to complete a Masters of Public Health and an Occupational Medicine fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. She was one of the first recipients of the Resident Research Awards given at the American Occupational Health Conference. Her areas of expertise are occupational and environmental outcomes, specifically blood borne pathogens, residency education and workers' compensation costs.

Tamara Michel

Title of Presentation: **Motivations for Community Involvement in Addressing Cancer Disparities in Queens, NY**

Tamara Michel received her Master of Public Health Degree in Sociomedical Sciences with a focus in Urbanism and the Built Environment from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, and her Baccalaureate Degree in Psychosocial and Physiological Studies from the University of Connecticut. She was a recipient of the John and Kathleen Gorman Public Health Humanitarian Award for her commitment to the humane care of communities and advancing consideration of

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human rights and values in healthcare and prevention. Her primary research interest is community participation to reduce health disparities in urban settings. Ms. Michael is a HealthLink Specialist at Queens Library for the Queens Library HealthLink project, a community-based participatory research project where public libraries serve as bases for community organizing, education, data gathering and dissemination in 20 medically underserved neighborhoods in Queens, NY.

Karen M. Mitchell

Title of Presentation: Camp Coho: A Grief Camp Model for Special Populations

Karen Mitchell has worked within the Alaska Tribal Health System more than 18 years, and joined the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in 1999. She is a program administrator with the Cancer Program, and works closely with their six grants. She helped coordinate Camp Coho in March 2007, a one-day grief camp for Alaska Native Children who have lost a loved one to cancer, and oversees the annual comfort bag project for Alaska Native cancer patients. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration at the Alaska Pacific University. She recently completed ANTHC's 2-year Leadership Excellence through Advancement and Determination (LEAD) program (fall 2007). The program provides leadership experience and training to ANTHC's Alaska Native/American Indian employees and assists them in achieving their career goals. Ms. Mitchell is part Yupik Eskimo and was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mercedes Moore, RN

Title of Presentation: Empowering Promoters for Leadership in Latino Health and Well Being

Martha J. Moore-Monroy, MA

Title of Presentation: Fostering New and Diverse Advocates for Change: Integrating Service Learning Projects into Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities

Mrs. Moore-Monroy is the Program Director for the REACH Pima County Cervical Cancer Prevention Partnership based at the University of Arizona, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. She is an adjunct faculty member at Pima Community College and Prescott College. The primary focus of her professional career has been working with community-based coalitions dedicated to the reduction of health disparities facing underserved and minority populations. Mrs. Monroy has served as a consultant and collaborator to a variety of university, community and non-governmental organizations concerned with reducing health disparities. These include the University of Arizona Rural Health Office, Mariposa Community Health Centers, Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Mexico Border Health Foundation, Woman to Woman lay health educator project and the Arizona Community Health Outreach Worker Association.

Cora Munoz, PhD, RN

Title of Presentation: Hepatitis B: Education Screenings and Follow-Up of Asians Through Collaborative Partnerships Across Ohio

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Deena Murphy, PhD

Title of Presentation: **An Ecological Assessment of Factors Underlying Health and Social Disparities for HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Services in the “Deep South”**

Quynh Nguyen

Title of Presentation: **Health Disparities of Vietnamese Refugees and Immigrants**

Quynh Nguyen serves with Boat People SOS (BPSOS), a nonprofit organization providing social services to Vietnamese communities across 14 cities in the United States. Her work plan comprises raising awareness in preventative health (cancer, cardiovascular, and mental health), providing one-on-one education in both Vietnamese and English to first generation Vietnamese immigrants and refugees, and navigating the health care system for the underserved. Shortly after working as a project coordinator for the health prevention project, Ms. Nguyen became the national program manager responsible for managing and developing 10 offices nationwide. She supervised 12 team members, reported to 10 sponsors, and maintained community relations with partners across the country. Aside from her leadership role, she is soliciting funding to expand into new offices and areas. Ms. Nguyen works with staffs to ensure accurate program execution, maintains relationship with partners, assists clients with health navigation, and nourishes funding sources to sustain the program for long-term objectives. Her goal and the BPSOS mission, is to reduce cancer disparity and provide access to health care for the Vietnamese-American communities.

Annabelle V. Nuñez, MA

Title of Presentation: **Fostering New and Diverse Advocates for Change: Integrating Service Learning Projects into Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities**

Ms. Nuñez is the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health Liaison Librarian at the Arizona Health Sciences Library. She provides course-integrated instruction, conducts extensive literature searches for faculty researchers, and engages in community-campus research with academic partners. She is an adjunct faculty member for the School of Information Resources and Library Science and teaches a graduate course entitled, Issues in Information Resources: Health, Cultural Communities & Cultural Competencies. Her areas of focus are border health, health disparities, cultural competency, Hispanic health, community-campus engagement and workforce development. She is a community advocate and sits on several community boards, including the Division Advisory Committee for the Tucson Police Department, the Independent Citizens Committee for the Tucson Unified School District, the Advisory Board for the Pima County Public Library, and the Southside Neighborhood Association Presidential Partnership.

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Sela V. Panapasa, PhD

Title of Presentation: Measuring NHOPI Health Disparity: Secondary Data Analysis of Population-Based Data

Sela Panapasa, PhD, is a Research Investigator in the Research Center for Group Dynamics (RCGD), Program for Research on Black Americans. Dr. Panapasa worked with Dr. David Williams to identify the patterns of Pacific Islander health and social factors related to the distribution of health elevated risks. After completing a doctorate in sociology and demography at Brown University, she completed a 2-year NIA-funded post-doctoral fellowship at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. Dr. Panapasa, a native Pacific Islander, has been actively involved in research work with Pacific Island censuses and national surveys. Her work has contributed to the constitutional review process in Fiji where an overview of issues related to demographic change among ethnic Rotumans was accomplished. Dr. Panapasa has completed a US Census Bureau-funded study evaluating the quality of Pacific Island 2000 Census data. This project served as an important foundation for her research since it provided invaluable experience in identifying the nuances of the Census data on Pacific Islanders. Recently, Dr. Panapasa completed calculating inter-censal estimates, life-expectancy and age-standardized mortality rates of the Native Hawaiian population.

Jonathan Purtle, MSc

Title of Presentation: Promising Practices and Strategies to Advance Emergency Preparedness in Racially and Ethnically Diverse Communities

Jonathan Purtle is a Health Policy Analyst at the Center for Health Equality (CHE) at Drexel University's School of Public Health, where he works on a number of projects that focus on eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health and promoting culturally competent practices in health care. Mr. Purtle is the content manager for The National Resource Center of Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities, www.Diversitypreparedness.org. In this facet of his work, he identifies and reviews new publications, policy documents, programs, projects, courses, and training opportunities relating to emergency preparedness (PHEP) efforts targeting culturally diverse populations. He is also one of the co-investigators of a systematic review California's current state, local, and community efforts to integrate culturally diverse populations into PHEP. Mr. Purtle holds a BA in Psychology from Roger Williams University and an MSc in Sociology from the University of Amsterdam, where his master's thesis examined the role of political trust in facilitating behavioral responses to Homeland Security Advisory System warnings. He is currently working towards his MPH at the Drexel University School of Public Health.

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Kara D. Ryan, MPP

Title of Presentation: Disparate Impact: How Inequities in Health Care Quality Affect Latinos and How to Address Them

Kara D Ryan is a Research Analyst for the Latino Health Policy Project at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). Since joining NCLR, Ms. Ryan has worked to eliminate health disparities in the United States, particularly the unequal access to health coverage and care that ultimately places working Latino families at greater risk for poor health outcomes and financial instability. Through research and analysis, she supports NCLR's efforts to advance federal health proposals that provide Hispanics with equitable access to quality care. Her recent publications include "A Burden No Child Should Bear: How the Health Coverage System is Failing Latino Children" and "Health Tax Incentives: Healthy Choices or Bad Medicine?" Prior to joining NCLR, Ms. Ryan worked in both the policy and legal fields on tax, health, and insurance matters. In her work as a paralegal in a Washington, DC law firm, she also acted as a pro bono authorized representative for HIV positive clients. Ms. Ryan holds a Master of Public Policy from the George Washington University in Washington, DC and a BA in political science from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.

Todd M. Sabato, PhD

Title of Presentation: Responding to a Growing HIV Problem for Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States: The Role of University and Community Collaboratives

Dr. Todd Sabato is an Assistant Professor of Health Sciences in the College of Integrated Science and Technology at James Madison University, where he specializes in health promotion, education, and behavior. Dr. Sabato's research focuses on HIV/AIDS, drug use and abuse, and relevant health issues of minority populations, specifically addressing psychosocial correlates of risk-related behaviors. He currently serves as the director and program coordinator of "HIV AIDS in a Diverse World: The Micronesian Perspective," an international studies collaboration between James Madison University and the Guam HIV/AIDS Network (GUAHAN) Project. Dr. Sabato has an extensive background in HIV/AIDS prevention education, having collaborated with entities such as the United States Health Resources and Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Office of Minority Health. He has authored numerous curricula, including the South Carolina Perinatal HIV Prevention Project, and Youth Empowered Against HIV, a prevention education curriculum for sexual minority youth. Dr. Sabato has also served as an HIV/AIDS programming consultant with the American Public Health Association, the University of Virginia, Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of Columbia, SC, and the Guam HIV/AIDS Network Project.

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Linda Sanches, MPH

Title of Presentation: Rights, Responsibilities and Solutions: Avoid Disasters for the Special Needs Population and Comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule

Linda Sanches is a Senior Advisor on HIPAA Privacy in the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She manages Outreach and Communications about the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Previously, she managed OCR enforcement of the Privacy Rule. Before coming to OCR, Ms. Sanches was a senior health policy analyst in the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, where she was a lead member of the team that created the Privacy Rule. She also was the lead staff in the Office of the Secretary developing the other HIPAA administrative simplification standards in collaboration with CMS. During her tenure in HHS, she has worked on a range of interagency and public/private projects in health delivery system policy and research, data policy, privacy, public benefits and the public health safety net. As a legislative fellow for Senator Don Riegle during the 1994 Congressional session, she developed the administrative simplification and privacy legislation he co-sponsored. Ms. Sanches came to HHS as a Presidential Management Intern. She has worked for the American Cancer Society in fundraising and development of regional governance, and managed research grants for UC-San Francisco. She received a Masters of Public Health in health policy and administration from UC - Berkeley and an AB in human biology from Brown University.

Alok Sarwal

Title of Presentation: Effective Health Information Technology System for Reducing Health Disparity in Multi-Ethnic Populations

Hylan D. Shoob, PhD, MSPH

Title of Presentation: American Indians in Oklahoma: A Priority Population for Oklahoma's State Cardiovascular Health Examination Survey, 2007-2009

Dr. Hylan D Shoobs hold a PhD in Epidemiology, a Master of Science in Public Health, a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Bachelor of Arts in History, and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Nutrition. He is experienced in public health, epidemiology, surveillance, research methods, biostatistics, program evaluation, and health policy in addition to having been a Professor of Public Health. Now an Epidemiologist in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, Dr. Shoob worked with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as a Chronic Disease Epidemiologist and Program Evaluator. He designed and implemented health outcomes, epidemiologic, and quality of life research and surveillance and evaluation activities for all chronic disease programs. During his Postdoctoral Study in Nutrition, he worked on Obesity, Nutrition, Diet, Weight and Metabolism, Body Image, Physical Activity, Child and Adolescent Health, and Maternal and Child Health and Pregnancy Projects. Dr. Shoob wrote local, state, and federal grants; designed research studies, study protocols, and questionnaires; and collected, analyzed, and disseminated data and study findings. He also worked on Neural Tube Defects, CDC Supplement to HIV AIDS Surveillance, Hepatitis C, and Sexually

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Transmitted Disease Projects. While pursing a Masters, he worked on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS, Child Injury, Adult Head, Spinal Cord, and Traumatic Brain Injury Projects. During undergraduate studies, he received a Research Fellowship at the Medical College of Georgia, School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, was a Research Assistant at the Medical College of Georgia, and was a Microbiology Laboratory Manager at Augusta State University.

Nadia Siddiqui

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Angela Silverman, MSN, CNP

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Kristen Speakman, MA, MPH

Title of Presentation: **Building Health Research Capacity among Indigenous Populations**

Kristen Speakman, MA, MPH is a Public Health Practitioner who received her MA from the University of New Mexico and MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has worked on both domestic and international public health projects. Her area of interest/focus is examining the intercultural aspects of health research as well as the process of replicating and disseminating effective public health interventions. She has worked for the University of New Mexico, School of Medicines' Center for Health Promotion in the development of a model to facilitate interaction among researchers and American Indian communities. Since joining Johns Hopkins Center, she has acted as project coordinator for the Center's Family Spirit initiative, a home visiting program to promote parent education and life skills among American Indian teen-formed families. She also coordinated the formative research effort focused on re-engaging fathers in young Indian families. She currently is working on initiatives to disseminate the Family Spirit Program in partnership with various communities and organizations around the country. She also works closely with the Training Team to develop and implement the Center's training plan.

Cassandra A. Stanton, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Motivating Tobacco Smokers Living with HIV to Quit: Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Response to Treatment**

Dr. Cassandra A Stanton is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University, a Research Psychologist at Butler Hospital, and a state-licensed psychologist. She currently serves as an ad-hoc reviewer for a number of academic journals, a member of Butler Hospital's Internal Review Board (IRB), and a member of state health and education committees. Her research interests include tobacco use prevention and cessation, child/adolescent substance use and health risk behaviors, as well as cultural issues related to health behaviors and disparities. Under the auspices of a Cancer Prevention, Control, Behavioral and Population Sciences Career

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Development Award (K07), Dr. Stanton has been broadening conceptual and analytic knowledge of social network analysis as it can be applied to understanding peer group formation and cigarette smoking uptake among low-income ethnically-diverse preadolescents. Additional clinical interests lie in designing, testing, and delivering real-world, innovative, and culturally-sensitive treatments for smoking cessation, specifically to under-served populations such as people living with HIV/AIDS. As a co-investigator on a NIDA-funded clinic-based randomized trial, Dr. Stanton applies expertise in family dynamics and health disparities research to a trial examining a culturally-targeted intervention for Latino smokers who are living with HIV. Trained as a child clinical psychologist with a behavioral medicine and community health background, Dr. Stanton's program of research integrates methodological and conceptual approaches of various disciplines with one clear focus to reduce health disparities and translate evidence-based research findings into real world solutions that can promote healthier and tobacco-free lifestyles. Dr. Stanton hold a BA in Biology and Psychology from State University of New York at Albany, and MS and PhD in Child Clinical Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her postdoctoral work included a National Research Service Award (F32) supported fellowship at the Brown University Clinical Psychology Training Consortium.

Donaji Stelzig, MPH

Title of Presentation: **What's In Your Label?**

Ms. Stelzig received her Masters of Public Health from The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center in 2004. She conducted a qualitative clinical research internship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in the area of Blood marrow transplantation in 2002; a year later she became a full-time staff member of the same organization. Prior to that, she participated for more than five years in multiple research projects at the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Ms. Stelzig is particularly interested in planning educational community events that target underserved minority groups. She has created strong ties with the Hispanic community through community outreach and supporting health education programs that promote cancer awareness, prevention and regular screening test for early cancer detection. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills which can be evidenced by her service in the United States Army Reserves when she joined since 2001. In 2004, Ms. Stelzig was awarded the Military Medal of Achievement. She continually finds opportunities to strengthen her involvement in the community and she has volunteer in many non-profit organizations such as Boys Scouts of America, MD Anderson volunteer, and American Heart Association/Hispanic Task force as a board member. She is an active member of several local Chambers of Commerce. Ms. Stelzig is a current board member of the Houston Hispanic Health Coalition, where she finds comradeship and exceptional opportunities to serve the Hispanic community. In addition, she is involved in local charities and church associations where she has served as a child and youth leader.

Sandra Tanamugsukbovon

Title of Presentation: **Culturally Competent Interventions in Genetics Education to Reduce Health Disparities in Asian American Women**

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Leafa Taumoepeau

Title of Presentation: **To Eliminate Health Disparities Among Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders**

Title of Presentation: **Hearing Across the Generations: Focus Groups with Tongan Parents and Their Tongan-American Children**

Leafa Taumoepeau is the Executive Director of a community-based organization named Taulama for Tongans, which has worked on a project for National Cancer Institute, together with five other Pacific Islander community-based organizations in partnership with the University of California, Irvine. For the Tell A Friend project with American Cancer Society, Ms. Taumoepeau conducted surveys and focus groups on Pacific Islander health issues, while working on Tobacco Cessation with the County of San Mateo, and a Diabetes project in collaboration with Ravenswood Health Clinic and Nuestra Casa. Ms. Taumoepeau works for the County of San Mateo, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services as a Community Program Specialist in charge of the Pacific Islander Initiative. She was educated in Tonga and New Zealand. She's a graduate of Auckland Business College, Auckland, New Zealand.

Richardenea Theodore, PhD

Title of Presentation: **Exploring Successful Weight Loss Strategies for African American Women**

Dr. Theodore is often referred to as an innovative and creative leader. Her career path has been closely aligned with her values and beliefs regarding the profession of nursing. The belief that practice, education, leadership and research are integral aspects of the profession has shaped the direction of her work. Positions held include roles as staff nurse, head nurse, nurse clinician, clinical nurse specialist, Adjunct Instructor, individual and family psychotherapist. Administrative roles include Assistant/Associate Directors of Nursing, Associate Dean of an Associate Degree Program, Special Assistant to CEO, Director of Nursing for Day to Day Operation and Nursing Education for a Network. Her educational portfolio includes a BSN, certification in Family Therapy, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Masters in Education, Masters in Public Administration, and currently a Doctoral student. Her years of experience and expertise position her to embrace a wellness model of health promotion. This assumption of wellness as a health model guides her interest in research related to obesity as a preventable disease.

Jennifer F. Tofaeono

Title of Presentation: **Influences on Cancer Care Practices Among Physicians in American Samoa**

Jennifer Tofaeone is Chairperson for the American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition. Its mission is to help people fight cancer in the local territory. The Coalition promote education and awareness programs through monthly workshops, and meetings to develop physician protocol for cancer care, nutritional activities, cancer survivorship issues, and advocacy. The Coalition has partnered with local Legislative leaders to develop a No Smoking Bill in the territory. Under Ms Tofaeono's leadership, the Coalition is developing a Patient Navigation Resource Book, and implementing a Patient Navigation Program in collaboration with the American Samoa Cancer Community Network. Ms

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Tofaeno also received a grant award for a Community Network Program from the National Cancer Institute in 2008. This research grant will allow for the survey of physicians in an effort to identify any barriers to providing screening and care for breast cancer patients.

Rhodora Ursua

Title of Presentation: Applying the Community Health Worker Model to Build Community Capacity and Leadership to Promote Health in Asian American Populations

Rhodora Ursua, MPH, received a Masters in Public Health at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health with a focus in Population and Family Health. At the Center, she is the Director of Project AsPIRE (Asian American Partnerships in Research and Empowerment), a community-based participatory research project that aims to improve health access and status for cardiovascular disease (CVD) among Filipino-Americans in New York City and New Jersey. Ms. Ursua also serves as the Project Coordinator of Kalusugan Coalition which is a Filipino health coalition she co-founded and the community partner for Project AsPIRE. In addition, Ms. Ursua oversees the Center's Center Student Investigator (CSI) Program and provides general support for the Center's activities.

Amy Valukas, MPH

Title of Presentation: La Vida Sana, La Vida Feliz: An Innovative Wellness Program for Women

Ms. Valukas has worked in the community health/health promotion field for more than nine years and manages all the health promotion programs at Erie Family Health Center. Ms. Valukas has strong experience in the coordination of community service programs and health education curriculum

Taunu'u Ve'e-Remmers

Title of Presentation: Poised at the Brink of History: Advancing National Health Agenda for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Communities by Supporting a Leadership Advocacy Body

Lily Velarde, MPA, PhD

Title of Presentation: A New Paradigm: The Linkage of Public Health and Medicine

For the past six years, Dr. Lily Velarde has been a leader in public health education at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Dr. Velarde has three critical roles within the Department of Family and Community Medicine. She is the Co-Director for the Master's in Public Health Program and is responsible for curriculum development, student advisement and mentoring as well as directing the Master's in Public Health practicum experience. Dr. Velarde is the Instructor for seven University Master's-level courses, including program evaluation, public healthcare management, qualitative research methods and theory and practice. In addition, Dr. Velarde is the co-instructor of the combined BA-MD practicum course that prepares students to perform community assessment using public health techniques. Dr. Velarde is the Vice-Chair for the Integration of Public Health and

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Medicine. In this role, she leads the effort to integrate public health education into the existing UNM School of Medicine Curriculum. In tandem, she serves as Vice-Chair for the integration of public health and medicine on an international committee, The Network, Towards Unity for Health to assist other countries with their public health education initiatives. Dr. Velarde has been a primary or contributing author on more than a dozen articles published in peer reviewed and scholarly publications. She has also has been a successful Principle Investigator on numerous private and federal grants. Dr. Velarde has presented her findings in various venues as an invited lecturer and has served as a consultant for a variety of public health and minority serving nonprofits, including Ciudad Los Ninos and Endorphin Power.

Corey C. Wiggins, MSPH

Title of Presentation: **Improving Health Outcomes through Community Based Approaches to Capacity Building Assistance**

Corey Wiggins currently serves as a Prevention Specialist at My Brother's Keeper, Inc. As a Prevention Specialist, he provides technical and capacity building assistance to community-based organizations nationally. Previously, Mr. Wiggins served as a Program Manager for the REGARDS Stroke Study, a study focusing on racial and geographical differences in stroke. His academic background includes undergraduate training at Alcorn State University. Additionally, he received an MSPH with an emphasis in Health Policy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Currently, he is a doctoral student at UAB in Health Education/Promotion.

Amy Yu, BAS

Title of Presentation: **Empowering High School Youth to be Leaders in Eliminating a Major Health Disparity in United States**

Amy Yu is the Outreach Coordinator at the Asian Liver Center at Stanford University. She graduated from Stanford University with a BAS in Philosophy and Religious Studies and Biological Sciences.

Stacey A. Zeno, MS

Title of Presentation: **Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Healthy African-Americans**

Stacey Zeno is a graduate of American University in Washington, DC, with a Masters of Science in Health Promotion Management. She is the Human Performance Laboratory (HPL) Supervisor at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine. As member of the Center of Health Disparities at USU, she contributes and serves on the web site and Equal Health newsletter committee. Ms. Zeno is actively involved in African-American physiological and psychological studies taking place in HPL. She also volunteers at several health fairs each year, providing anthropometric measurements and fitness consultations in the Montgomery County area, including the highly attended annual G.O.P.E.L. Heart Health Symposium. In addition, she is a certified personal trainer who works with recreational and club sport athletes.

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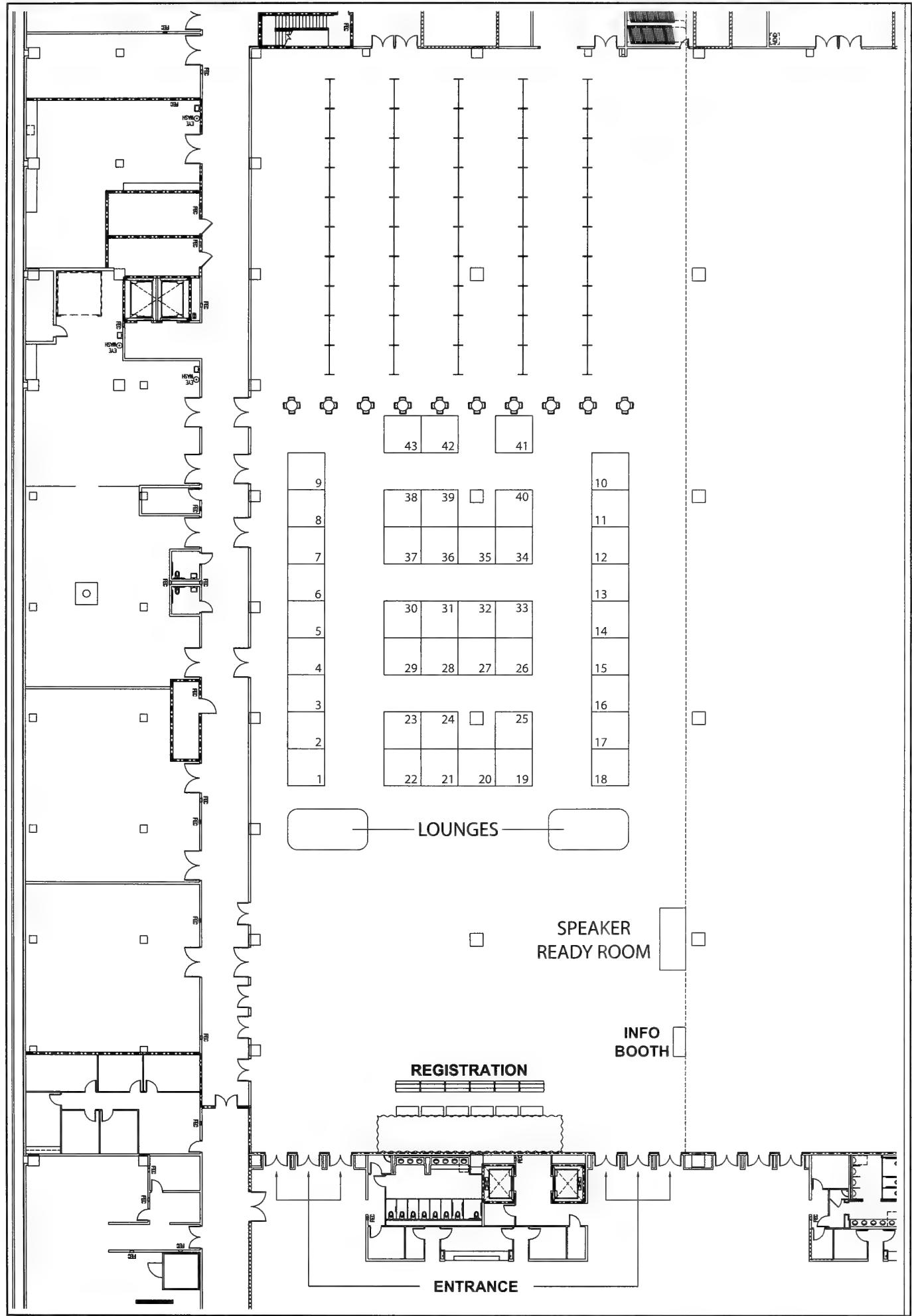
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HISTORY: OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 1985-2009



Background Information:

Recognition of Persistent Health Disparities by Race and Ethnicity

The 1983 issue of *Health, United States*, the annual report card on the health status of the American people, documented significant progress in the overall health of the Nation, but reinforced the sad fact of the continuing disparity in the burden of death and illness experienced by Blacks and other minority Americans, compared to the U.S. population as a whole. The disparity existed since accurate federal record keeping began more than a generation previously.

Heckler Establishes Secretarial Task Force

In response to this "affront both to our ideals and to the ongoing genius of American medicine," then-Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Margaret M. Heckler, established a Secretarial Task Force, chaired by Thomas E. Malone, PhD, former Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health. The mission of the Task Force was to investigate the health problems of African American, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and American Indians and Alaska Natives. It was charged with analyzing Departmental programs and the range of resources available to address the health problems of minorities, and with recommending ways that the Department could exert leadership, influence, and initiative to close the gap. The Task Force was composed of a diverse group of senior and mid-level managers HHS divisions. In discharging its responsibility, the Task Force engaged consultants from various racial/ethnic groups and others to provide additional information and perform supplementary reviews of data. It also interacted with colleges and universities and various private organizations and associations. Research papers were commissioned on key issues.

Task Force Report Led to Establishment of OMH

The results were presented to Secretary Heckler in August 1985 in the *Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black & Minority Health*. This Report led to establishment in 1986 of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (now the Office of Public Health and Science, OPHS), headed by a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health (DASMH).

Congress Passes Legislation Authorizing OMH

OMH was authorized by the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 and reauthorized in Title II of the Health Professions Education Partnership Act of 1998 (PL105-392). The

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Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000 expanded the responsibilities of the HHS Advisory Committee on Minority Health to include health professions education in health disparities and cultural competency.

National Leadership on Health Disparities

OMH was established as the Departmental focal point for addressing health disparities in the nation with a primary responsibility to ensure development of effective HHS policies to address this critical issue and has been led by a series of Directors who brought vision and commitment to this charge. Among these have been establishment of a Departmental and national infrastructure for a coordinated response to addressing racial and ethnic health disparities; inclusion of minority communities and issues within national health planning; working with health service providers, institutions of higher education (including minority institutions), community-based organizations, national medical organizations, and others to advance a systems approach to addressing racial and ethnic health disparities; focused initiatives to enhance national understanding of the racial and ethnic minority health disparities problem and what individuals, organizations and communities could do prevent them or improve outcomes.

In January 2006, OMH convened the Second National Leadership Summit for Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health. The Summit brought together leaders and partners from the public and private sectors. Over the course of the meeting, these individuals broadened the national dialogue about health disparities—moving from the more traditional disease-focused approach to address cross-cutting, multilevel issues through a more systems-oriented approach.

In response to the Summit results, OMH launched the National Partnership for Action (NPA) as an opportunity to more effectively and efficiently focus collective efforts to end health disparities through collaborative actions and strategies. The intent of the NPA is to set up a community-driven, sustained approach to combating health disparities. OMH works closely with Federal agencies, State and local health officials, national foundations, professional organizations, national associations, nongovernmental organizations, health care and health system providers, academic institutions, national and local media, as well as community-based and faith-based organizations to develop policies and programs that help eliminate health disparities.

The NPA promotes strategic actions in five key areas:

- Increase awareness of the significance of health disparities, impact on the nation, and the actions necessary to improve health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority populations
- Strengthen and broaden leadership at all levels
- Improve health and healthcare outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities and underserved populations
- Improve cultural and linguistic competency
- Improve coordination and utilization of research and evaluation outcomes

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From 2007 through 2008, OMH has held a series of Regional Conversation meetings to bring together local, State, Tribal, regional and federal experts to identify and develop regionally-based strategies and tactical recommendations. Collectively, they have formed the basis for a national plan of action. OMH and its partners will use this plan, along with the results from the 2009 Summit, to guide our path towards achieving health equity.

Highlights of the Office Minority Health's Chronological History

- 1985 Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black & Minority Health
- 1986 OMH Established by Secretary Margaret Heckler and Herb W. Nickens, MD, appointed first OMH Director
- 1986 Warren Hewitt and Henry Montes appointed Associate Directors of OMH
- 1987 OMH Resource Center (OMHRC) established to provide information and assist the public with information requests pertaining to the health of racial and ethnic minorities
- 1987 First OMH-funded projects
- 1988 First report of the Director of OMH issued
- 1988 Sam Lin, MD, MPH appointed Acting Director of OMH
- 1988 First major conference conducted by OMH: "Access to Health Care in the 21st Century"
- 1989 William "Bill" Robinson, MD, MPH, appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health
- 1989 First HHS National HIV/AIDS Minority Conference was led by OMH
- 1990 Office relocated from HHS Headquarters to Rockville, Maryland to accommodate increased office capacity
- 1990 First legislative authorization, Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 (PL 105-392)
- 1990 First model program to directly fund community based organizations to support HIV projects were established by OMH. This model was subsequently adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal programs.
- 1990 Regional minority health activities established, including appointment of Regional Minority Health Consultants in the 10 HHS regions
- 1990 First OMH funding to state public health offices to support and develop minority health activities and convened first meeting with state offices
- 1990 First National teleconference on minority health conducted (through 1992)
- 1990 HHS/OMH mission transforms from focus on excess deaths to improving health status of minorities
- 1991 OMH hosts first national minority health network meeting
- 1991 Sam Lin, MD, MPH appointed Acting Director of OMH

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1992 Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health

1993 TODOS Report – Surgeon General issues report on Hispanic Health

1993 Audrey Manley, MD, MPH assumes Acting Director responsibility for OMH

1993 OMH given HHS lead on responding to the Executive Order on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

1993 Toward Equality of Well-Being: Strategies for Improving Minority Health (Strategic Plan) was issued

1994 First Closing the Gap Newsletter series issued by OMH

1994 Clay Simpson, PhD, appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health

1994 Tuei Doong, Captain USPHS, appointed Deputy Director of OMH

1996 OMH assumes coordinating lead for the Department on the Hispanic Agenda for Action

1996 OMH posts its first webpage

1997 OMH coordinates Tribal College & Universities Executive Order for HHS

1997 OMH coordinates HHS-wide Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) which served as the foundation for the first Executive Order on the White House Initiative on AAPIs signed by the President in 1999

1997 OMH leads National Hispanic Health Symposium

1997–2000 OMH engages in first international collaboration on Racial/Ethnic Minority Health with the United Kingdom

1998 OMH is reauthorized under the Health Professions Education Partnership Act of 1998

1998 OMH collaborates with Surgeon General to release Healthy People Progress Review for Black Americans through live telecast

1998/99 OMH convenes Advisory Committee on Minority Health

1998/99 OMH supports HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance Regional Resource Network for high prevalence populations

1999 OMH receives funding for the Minority AIDS Initiative to support HIV/AIDS projects

1999 OMH engages in launch of Healthy People 2010 Focus on Elimination of Health Disparities

1999 OMH convenes National Hispanic/Latino Customer Services Conference

1999 Nathan Stinson, Jr., MD, PhD, MPH, appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health

1999 The OMH Resource Center establishes its first technical assistance team to provide training to community organizations working on HIV/AIDS

2000 OMH publishes first HIV Impact newsletter

2000 OMH leads development of CLAS Standards

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2002 OMH launches first National AI/AN Forum

2002 OMH launches the annual Closing the Health Gap/Doctor Day campaign with Tom Joyner, ABC Radio Networks

2002 OMH convenes first National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health

2003 Trust and Trustworthiness Conference in Tuskegee, AL.

2004 OMH's FY 2004 budget a high of \$55.8 million (first appropriation was 1.3 million)

2004 Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health

2004 Mirtha Beadle appointed Acting Deputy Director of OMH

2004 HHS Disparities Council formed with representation from operating divisions across the department and select divisions within the Office of the Secretary

2004 OMH collaborates with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to address disparities in immunization rates in minority seniors

2004 OMH launches an interagency initiative with the Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, and Indian Health Service to Close the Gap on Infant Mortality for African American and American Indian and Alaska Native babies

2004 OMH hosts the first Secretarial Roundtable on Minority Men's Health

2004 OMH leads an HHS Initiative to reduce the incidence of stroke in the stroke belt states

2004 Latino Celebra La Vida Con Salud Campaign adopted as part of the Closing the Health Gap Campaign

2004 OMH sponsors the National Child Health and Child Welfare Conference, bringing together for the first time child health; child welfare; federal, state, tribal, and local governments; faith and community-based organizations; and other sectors to address health disparities and disproportionality of racial and ethnic minority children in the child welfare systems

2004 OMH launches uniformed data system collection for grantees

2004 OMH launches the Cultural Competency Curriculum Modules for Family Physicians and Residency programs which is accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians and immediately adopted for use by federal and national programs such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs), a national network of fifty-three QIOs responsible for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia

2005 OMH launches the African American Obesity Prevention Initiative: Health Weight, Healthy Lifestyle

2005 OMH launches the infant mortality prevention campaign as part of the National Know What to Do For Life Campaign

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2005 OMH establishes the State Partnership Program, providing grant funds for the first time to 32 state offices of minority health for a five-year period

2005 OMH reconstitutes the Advisory Committee on Minority Health

2005 OMH reestablishes the Midatlantic Asian American and Pacific Islander Hepatitis B Campaign and Vaccination Program as a national program

2005 OMH funds the OMH Resource Center to implement an HIV/AIDS Resource Development project in the Pacific Islands

2005 OMH partners with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure minority seniors are aware and enroll in the new Medicare drug prescription benefit

2005 OMH co-hosts the Health Information Technology Roundtable with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

2005 Mirtha Beadle becomes Deputy Director of OMH

2005 OMH responds to Katrina hurricane crisis—Leads \$12M Interagency effort to improve access to medical and mental health care for racial and ethnic minorities affected by the hurricane

2005 Through a partnership with the HHS Data Council, OMH gains support for exploring data release methods that would preserve confidentiality but increase reportability of data and to develop a web-based data portal for minority health information

2005 OMH initiates the State Partnership Uniform Data System to support collection of data from state offices of minority and multicultural health

2005 OMH supports Take a Loved One for a Checkup Day in American Indian Communities, with AIHEC and 15 tribal colleges and universities

2006 OMH celebrates its 20th Anniversary

2006 OMH convenes the Second National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health with more than 25 co-sponsors – the Summit includes a Commemorative Event to celebrate individuals and organizations that have contributed to advancing improvements in the health of racial and ethnic minorities over its 20-year history

OMH begins publication of its electronic newsletter, *Healthy Minorities, Healthier America*

The Pacific Resource and Training Center opens on Guam, as a result of OMH support to the Guahan Project, a community organization

OMH establishes the American Indian and Alaska Native Health Research Advisory Council (HRAC)

2007 OMH launches the Cultural Competency Nursing Modules for Registered Nurses which are fully accredited for CNE

2007 Steering Committee Meeting of the Federal Collaboration on Health Disparities Research, (FCHDR) held.

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2007 OMH co-hosted first HHS Health Information Technology and Underserved Populations workgroup with HRSA Office of Health Information Technology

2007 OMH invited to participate as voting member of the American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Work Group

2007 OMH launches the Health Care Language Services Implementation Guide and interactive web-based tool to facilitate language access services for Limited English-proficient individuals

2007 In response to the Second National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health, OMH developed the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities Initiative to guide collaborative actions and strategies to achieve health equity

OMH launches *A Healthy Baby Begins with You*, an African American infant mortality prevention campaign

OMH launches its new Spanish-language web page with original Spanish content

OMH funds establishment of the National Resource Center for Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities at Drexel University

2008 OMH holds a series of community and Regional Conversation meetings to identify community-driven priorities and solutions for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of collective efforts

2008 OMH publishes the Strategic Framework for Improving Racial/Ethnic Minority Health and Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities

2008 OMH re-establishes a partnership with the National Business Group on Health to address health disparities

2008 OMH launches a pilot test of a Preconception Care Peer Training Program as part of the *Healthy Baby* campaign

2008 OMH convenes first summit of African immigrant groups working with HIV/AIDS issues

2008 OMH releases *Goals and Strategies to Address Chronic Hepatitis B in Asian American Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations*, the results of an expert panel drawn from the National Task Force on Hepatitis B

2008 OMH sponsored the HIT Collaborative for the Underserved with Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc. (SHIRE)

2009 OMH convenes the Third National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health to build a renewed sense of collaboration across communities and to share methods, tactics and practices to support community-inspired strategies

